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Canada develops 'bomb sniffer'

OTTAWA, Aug. 27 (R) — Canadian researchers have developed a compact "bomb sniffer" that can detect explosives within minutes.

A spokesman for the transport department said Thursday that the device, developed over three years, could be ready for sale within 18 months. The spokesman, who declined for security reasons to say how the device worked, said it was "portable, compact, cheap and sensitive." It will detect most explosives in a very short time."

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Paris offers planes

PARIS, Aug. 27 (R) — France has decided to sell its most advanced fighter, the Mirage 2000, to China and negotiations have started in Peking. Defense Minister Charles Hernu said Friday. China has for some time been pressing to buy the Mirage, but French officials have consistently said that there have been no plans to sell them to China.

China has been eager to update its ageing air force because most of its fighter bombers are Soviet-built MiG 17s and MiG 19s, 20 years old and obsolete in terms of modern warfare.

Somalia gets U.S. weapons

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — The United States is airlifting extra military equipment to Somalia in response to renewed attacks from Ethiopia and Ethiopian-supported forces, a State Department spokesman said Thursday night.

"This provides a clear demonstration of our concern over this situation and our action to support Somalia against external attack," he said. The spokesman declined to specify what equipment was sent, but asked if it enhanced Somalia's military capability, he replied: "Certainly."

Somalia's President Muhammad Siad Barre on an official U.S. visit earlier this year requested more American military and economic aid. This year assistance to Somalia totaled about \$80 million and President Reagan has requested \$90 million for 1983.

Since the 1977 war with Ethiopia over the Ogaden, there has been an influx of refugees into Somalia putting a strain on the country's finances. Both Cuba and the Soviet Union have backed Ethiopia in the conflict.

Somalia says Ethiopian troops are involved in the current fighting, while Ethiopia says its forces are not involved and that the Somalis are being attacked by dissidents based in Addis-Ababa.

French extremist to surrender

PARIS, Aug. 27 (AP) — Jean-Marc Rouillan, founder and leader of France's most feared extremist group, Direct Action, has written to the authorities saying he plans to surrender, police said Thursday.

In a letter to Assistant Criminal Brigade Commissioner Claude Cances, the 31-year-old fugitive said he was prepared to "take responsibility" for his actions and turn himself in when his lawyer returns from vacation.

Police declined to say when they received the letter or when the lawyer was expected to return to Paris, but they said the letter had been authenticated.

Rouillan is wanted for questioning in connection with the wave of terrorism that has killed nine persons and wounded more than 50 others in France since July 20. A warrant for his arrest was issued two weeks ago after the daily newspaper *Liberation* published an interview quoting Rouillan as saying Direct Action had been responsible for three recent non-fatal terrorist attacks in Paris and denying reports that Direct Action had disbanded.

In the interview, Rouillan also denied any connection with the machine-gun massacre of six persons in Paris' main Jewish neighborhood Aug. 9. Twenty-two persons were wounded in that attack. A telephone caller identifying himself as Rouillan claimed responsibility for a bombing last Sunday near Paris' Eiffel Tower, in which a police bomb-disposal expert was killed and another bomb squad member severely injured. The attack apparently was aimed at a U.S. Embassy Commercial Attaché Roderick Grant, who lived in the neighborhood.

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U.S. spurns Jordan option

Palestinian right stressed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — The U.S. State Department Friday rejected the contention of Israeli leaders that Jordan should be considered a Palestinian state and homeland.

Department spokesman John Hughes commented that the United States had a commitment to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Jordan. This comment amounted to a "loud no" to recent statements by certain Israeli leaders, State Department officials said.

Observers believed Hughes was reacting especially against an article by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in *The Washington Post*.

The Chinese have already conditionally agreed to buy French nuclear power plants worth an estimated \$2 billion, but have always insisted that the deal be related to other purchases, including the Mirage 2000.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz stressed in his first press conference six days ago

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Habib sends note to Arafat

NICOSIA, Aug. 27 (AFP) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib was Friday reported to have sent a message to Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat — the first official communication between a U.S. official and the PLO chief.

National Lebanese radio monitored here, said the contents of the message had not been officially divulged, but quoted informed sources as saying it was believed to cover Arafat's role in the efforts to bring peace to Beirut.

Arafat was still in Beirut. But there were signs his departure might be imminent. Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and President-elect Bashir Gemayel sent him farewell messages praising his agreement to leave Beirut to stop Israel from storming the city, Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations reported.

The Phalangist radio, Voice of Lebanon, said Arafat would first go to Morocco to attend an Arab summit conference that would probably convene in Fez sometime next month and then proceed to the PLO's headquarters.

Meanwhile, King Hassan of Morocco has asked President Reagan to guarantee the security of Arafat to enable him to take part in the Arab summit. Moroccan officials said in Rabat Friday, Hassan said in his message that he had telephoned Arafat, who told him that traveling to Morocco for the summit would entail risks to his personal security. "It goes without saying that the absence of the PLO chairman at the Fez meeting would restrict the scope of commitments and the dimension of responsibilities," the king said.

As chairman of the Arab summit, the king said he appealed to President Reagan "to guarantee the security of our brother and friend Yasser Arafat when he travels from his place of residence to Morocco."

In his appeal to Reagan, Hassan stressed that the Arab summit would be a historic turning point not only for existing relations between the Arabs and other countries in the world but also for relations between states in the Middle East.

Weinberger to visit M.E.

SANTA BARBARA, California, Aug. 27 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will fly to Beirut Tuesday to meet with U.S. Marines there and then go to Egypt and Israel to confer with the leaders of those countries, it was announced Friday.

White Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Weinberger was not carrying a new peace plan to the Middle East but was merely accepting long-standing invitations to visit Egypt and Israel. The schedule of his trip is still pending, Speakes said.

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A caller to the Montreal bureau of the Canadian Press claimed credit for the incident and said it involved the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa. A male voice, speaking rapid English with a heavy accent, said the shooting was the work of "justice commanders for Armenian genocide." "We will strike again," he warned, then hung up abruptly.

Turkish diplomat assassinated

OTTAWA, Aug. 27 (AP) — A man was shot and killed here Friday in his car bearing diplomatic plates, the royal Canadian mounted police said.

Radio reporters on the scene in a western district of the city said the man, a black, was hit by gunfire that exploded through the window of the passenger side of vehicle at 9:30 a.m. (1300 GMT). Death apparently occurred instantly.

First reports were that the man was in the back seat of the car. Police were said to be searching for a late-model Toyota occupied by a young man described as being five-foot nine-inches in height-dark-haired and in his late 20s. The body had not been removed from the car when reporters arrived. Police

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In 1st half of 1982

Japan exports touch \$3.28 billion

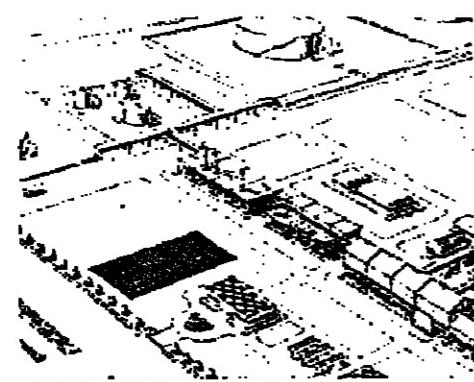
By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — Trade and economic cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Japan is growing rapidly keeping pace with the fast industrial development in the Kingdom. Japan's exports to the Kingdom registered a 22.1 percent growth to \$3.28 billion in the first six months of this year over the same period last year. Exports to the Kingdom in 1981 were higher by 21 percent compared to the performance of the previous year.

Monthly exports from Japan show a continuous upward trend until March, 1982. Figures start declining in the second quarter, but performance was still better compared to that of April-June last year. "Saudi Arabia supplies nearly 35 percent of our oil requirements," said Michio Hirano, counselor and chief of the economic and commercial section at the Japanese embassy here. He told *Arab News* that Japan's oil imports from the Kingdom also witnessed a sustained rise in the first quarter of this year to total \$6.26 billion against \$5.87 billion in the same period last year.

During the second quarter, however, oil imports declined to \$4.93 billion from the \$5.23 billion April-June, 1981, mark. Thus, the oil imports during January-June this year totaled \$11.19 billion against \$11.10 billion in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 0.7 percent.

Hirano said the major share of cooperation between the two countries has so far been in economic fields. A \$1.534 billion contract was signed last year between the Eastern Petrotech company, (Sharq), an affiliate of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corpora-



JOINT VENTURE: An artist's impression of the SABIC-Japanese consortium methanol plant.

tion (SABIC), and the Chiyoda Chemical Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. for engineering and constructing a petrochemical complex in Jubail. The \$270 million Saudi Methanol Company in Jubail also has Japanese participation.

Under an accord signed in January this year with the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) Japan has designed the workshop and institute for the corporation. The Japanese also will help establish a research institute and a vocational workshop for the Saudi staff near an SWCC desalination plant in Yanbu.

Work on the Riyadh Electronic Institute, for which Japan has designed and planned special of machines, equipments and systems, is going on and "we wish to receive trainees from the Saudi government," Hirano said. Since 1979, every year Japanese experts have been sent to draw a map for the Kingdom and also assist the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization to establish electronic standards.

22 KAU students to train in Japan

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — A group of 22 engineering students from the King Abdul Aziz University will receive a two-month training course in Japan this year, according Japanese embassy sources here. *Arab News* learnt that a group of the students left for Japan earlier this week for electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering training. Another group, for training in civil and architectural engineering, will leave next week.

Under the economic and technical cooperation agreement with Saudi

Arabia, the Japanese government invites some students from the Kingdom every year for on-the-job training. Japan bears the expenses. This arrangement began in 1979 and Japan has invited 30 students each in 1979 and 1980. The number was raised to 40 in 1981 and this year.

The courses offered in 1979 and 1980 comprised of 10 students each for electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering. Five students each for civil engineering and architectural engineering were added since last year.

Japan's exports to the Kingdom during the first three months of this year totaled \$1.60 billion against \$1.22 billion last year. In the second quarter, the figure shifted to \$1.68 billion against the \$1.46 billion of the same period last year. Thus, exports in the first half this year totaled \$3.28 billion against \$2.68 billion last year. Total exports stood at \$5.88 billion last year.

This has helped Japan to slightly bring down its trade deficit with Saudi Arabia to \$7.91 in the first half of this year compared to \$8.42 billion during the same period last year.

Trade between the two countries, since they signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement in 1975, has grown considerably. The balance of trade surplus, in favor of the Kingdom, also increased year after year. Japan's exports in 1975 totaled \$1.351 billion against oil imports from Kingdom valued at \$6.135 billion — a deficit of \$4.784 billion. In 1976 the deficit widened to \$5.935 billion and in 1977 it reached \$6.163 billion. After a decline in 1978 to \$5.206 billion, the deficit jumped to \$8.303 billion in 1980 and to a record level of \$15.607 billion last year. This was mainly because Japan's exports increased gradually from \$3.254 billion in 1978 to \$5.876 billion last year, while its oil imports recorded a phenomenal growth from \$8.460 billion in 1978 to \$21.483 billion last year.

The analysis of trade during last two years shows that Japan's imports from the Kingdom in 1981 totaled \$21.482 billion (\$21.474 billion mineral fuels including crude oil and petroleum products and \$8 million other items) compared to \$19.538 billion (\$19.534 billion mineral fuels and \$3.8 million other items) in the previous year, an increase of 9.95 percent.

Japan's exports totaled \$5.876 billion last year against \$4.855 billion in the previous year, recording an increase of 21 percent. The commodity-wise breakdown of exports last year with 1980 figures in brackets is as follows (in millions \$): Foodstuff, 151.3 (145.9); textile and textile goods, 466 (442.4); non-metallic products, 131.8 (121.4); metal and metallic products, 1,060.5 (978.2); chemical products, 39.1 (28.6); machinery and equipments, 3,695.1 (2,835.3); and others, 332.6 (303.8).

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:32	12:23	11:54	11:41	12:06	12:35
Asr (Afternoon)	3:46	3:51	3:23	3:12	3:36	4:08
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King to open army hospital Tuesday

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — King Fahd will formally inaugurate Tuesday the new Armed Forces Hospital here. The hospital, which has been operating for the last three months, has 176 beds and four departments — surgery, internal diseases, paediatrics and maternity.

Dr. Abdul Hameed Sulaiman the hospital's director, announcing the "happy" inaugural function, said the hospital has 134 doctors, of whom 40 percent are Saudi Arabians and another 38 under training. Its current staff of 1,300 will be increased shortly to 1,500, Sulaiman said. A group of doctors has been sent abroad for specialization.

The hospital has a department for normal, ultrasonic vibration, nuclear and computer X-ray analysis. Its laboratory has a division for analysis, a blood bank, a hormones division, an organ anatomy division and a microanalysis division. Sulaiman said work will begin within a few days at the kidney wash, intensive care, preventive medicine, aviation medicine and the heart clinic units. The aviation medicine unit has two doctors, one at the

hospital and the other a resident at the local air base. The heart clinic has 13 beds, the hospital director said.

Outpatient clinics cover internal, psychiatric, heart and general surgery specializations. The general surgery department has specialized units for urinary tracts, plastic, bone, nose, ear, throat, eye and dental operations and a gynecology unit.

Saudi Arabia to treat injured Palestinians

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — King Fahd decreed Thursday night that Palestinians who were injured during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon could be treated at the Kingdom's hospitals or abroad at Saudi Arabia's expense.

The King, in a special message to Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, sought information about the places where the injured Palestinians would be treated.

ADS organizes introductory courses for computer users

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — A national computer systems company is progressing with training courses to meet the demand for people who know about computers created by the wide-scale use of this technology in government and private businesses in Saudi Arabia during the last few years.

Arabian Data Systems (ADS), the largest Saudi Arabian owned, based and managed computer systems company, offers various computer training programs in addition to the comprehensive systems management, consultancy and educational services, said ADS Chairman Dr. Sami Muhammad Zaidan.

"Our mission is to help the computer user to reap the maximum benefits from his powerful technological tool. Foremost in this mission is adapting all educational methods so they maintain the cherished cultural traditions of the Kingdom," he said. He told *Arab News*, that the number of computers installed in government and private businesses in the Kingdom has grown dramatically in the last few years, creating a major need for people to know more about computers. The courses offered by ADS are designed to provide the participant most practical information available to gain a working knowledge of computers and their uses. The concepts of computers are reinforced by simple programming exercises in the basic language.

ADS has a proven record in Saudi Arabia. Some of its projects include computer system and facilities management for the new Jeddah International Airport; installation and operation of computer systems at Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry; installation and operation of computer systems for Brown Bovery in Yanbu; operation of the meteorological and environmental protection administration data center in Jeddah; and education projects for Saudi Ports Authority.

Zaidan said his company, established in 1978, offers a phased approach to computer education and training. Students are first tested for English language skills and programming aptitudes. Those who show aptitude for computing careers enter the "computer concepts" course offered in English at the ADS Institute in Saudi Arabia. The four-week course includes text and related program materials and practical training in addition to the use of videos, color slides and overhead transparencies to facilitate understanding.

The course covers an introduction to elec-



(Photo by K.K. Ahmed)
TRAINING: Participants in the "computer concepts" courses, offered in Jeddah by the ADS, are seen taking instructions and practicing.

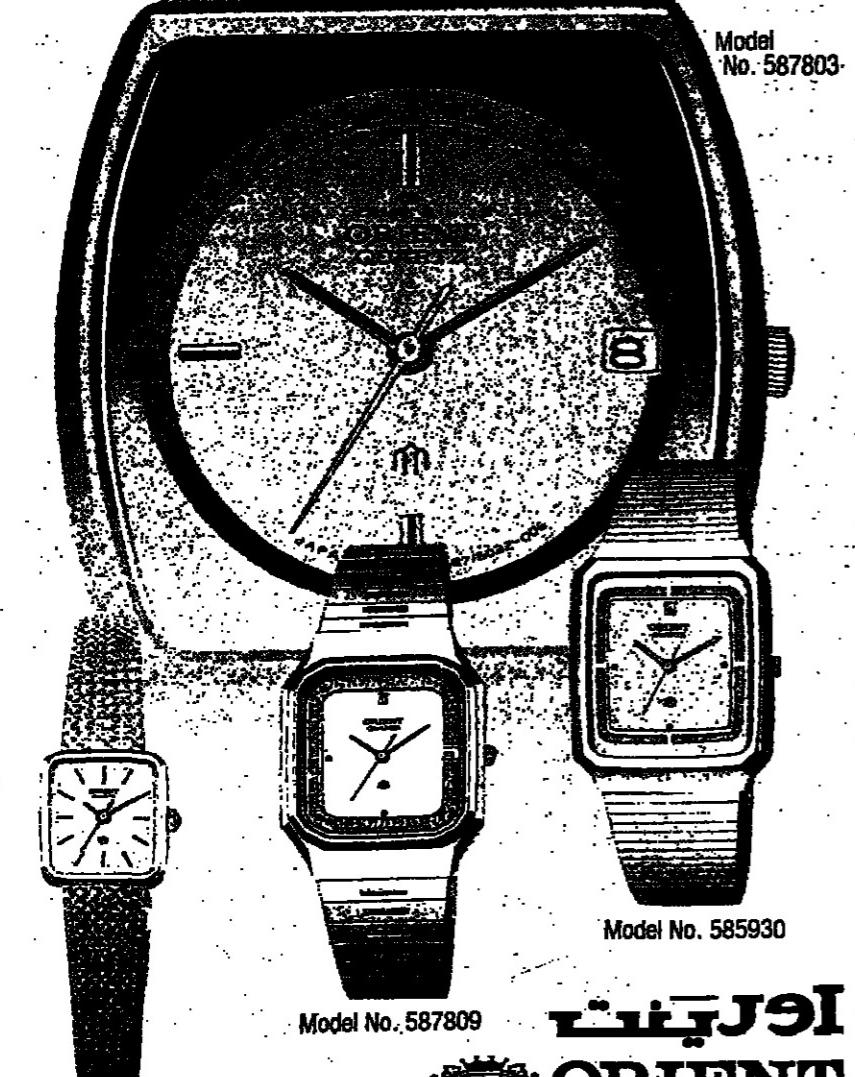
tronic data processing, programming and software, program flowcharting and design, computer hardware characteristics, telecommunications and computer networks, computer applications and systems, systems analysis and design, managing the computer systems resource and training on computers. Students who excel at these introductory courses could well qualify for further government-sponsored training at the ADS Institute in Eckerd College, Florida, USA." Zaidan said.

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Child and brain surgery units are to open shortly, Dr. Sulaiman said, pointing out that the number of outpatients checking with the hospital has already reached 20,000 a month.

The hospital also has four affiliate clinics at the air defense school, the regional command, the air base and naval base. According to Sulaiman, the hospital also trains 39 final year female students of King Abdul Aziz University's college of medicine and doctors of various specializations. Male and female nurses also receive training at the hospital.

The hospital conducts a training program for military technicians in its various departments. The program, which lasts between one and one-and-a-half years, includes an English language course at the Armed Forces Hospital of Khamsi Mushayt.

Dr. Sulaiman said the hospital has organized a health education program to increase patient awareness, especially for women's sicknesses and maternity, through pamphlets and educational films. The hospital publishes a quarterly medical magazine which specializes in pediatrics. It has recently published a scientific book on maternity and child care, he added.

The hospital has a plan for emergency situations. It provides housing for the 1,300 staff at the hospital site, in addition to a 64-unit housing for doctors working at the air base. Dr. Sulaiman said that the hospital has been equipped with the latest and sophisticated medical devices on the instructions of King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah and Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

Over backing Israeli invasion U.S. residents cable concern to Reagan

By Gregory Llewellyn
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Aug. 27 — A group of Americans in the Eastern Province have cabled President Ronald Reagan to express their concern over the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and, in particular, the indiscriminate bombardment and blockade of West Beirut.

The cable, which went on to voice outrage at the use of U.S.-supplied weapons during the invasion in apparent violation of the U.S. laws governing their use, urged Reagan to use "all political and practical means to ensure a speedy cessation to hostilities in Lebanon."

In a groundswell of support, the signatures of 970 American citizens were secured in a period of two days and

appended to the cable where they were listed in three columns for a total cable length of five feet.

Copies of the cable, the original of which was sent to the U.S. president through Secretary of State George Schultz, were dispatched to Defense Caspar Weinberger, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Charles Percy (R-Ipp), and Speaker of the House of Representatives Tip O'Neil (D-Mass.).

Buoyed by their success in collecting signatures for the cable, the Americans, who banded together under the catalytic effect of a letter published last month in *Arab News* by Henry Rigler, have made a copy of the Reagan cablegram available to U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Richard Murphy.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH. (SPA) — Jacques Roy, Canada's ambassador to the Kingdom, left here Thursday for home after the end of his mandate. He was seen off at the airport by Hussein Marzouqi, assistant chief of the foreign ministry protocol, and Canadian embassy staff.

JEDDAH. — The Traffic Directorate General celebrates next week the graduation of 102 officers who completed a two-and-a-half-year course in the United States and a further six-month session in the Kingdom. Public Security Director Gen.

The letter which accompanies this copy urges Murphy to "convey to American leaders the fact that many Americans here are profoundly disturbed over the bloodshed in Lebanon and over its wider implications for the image of the United States in the region."

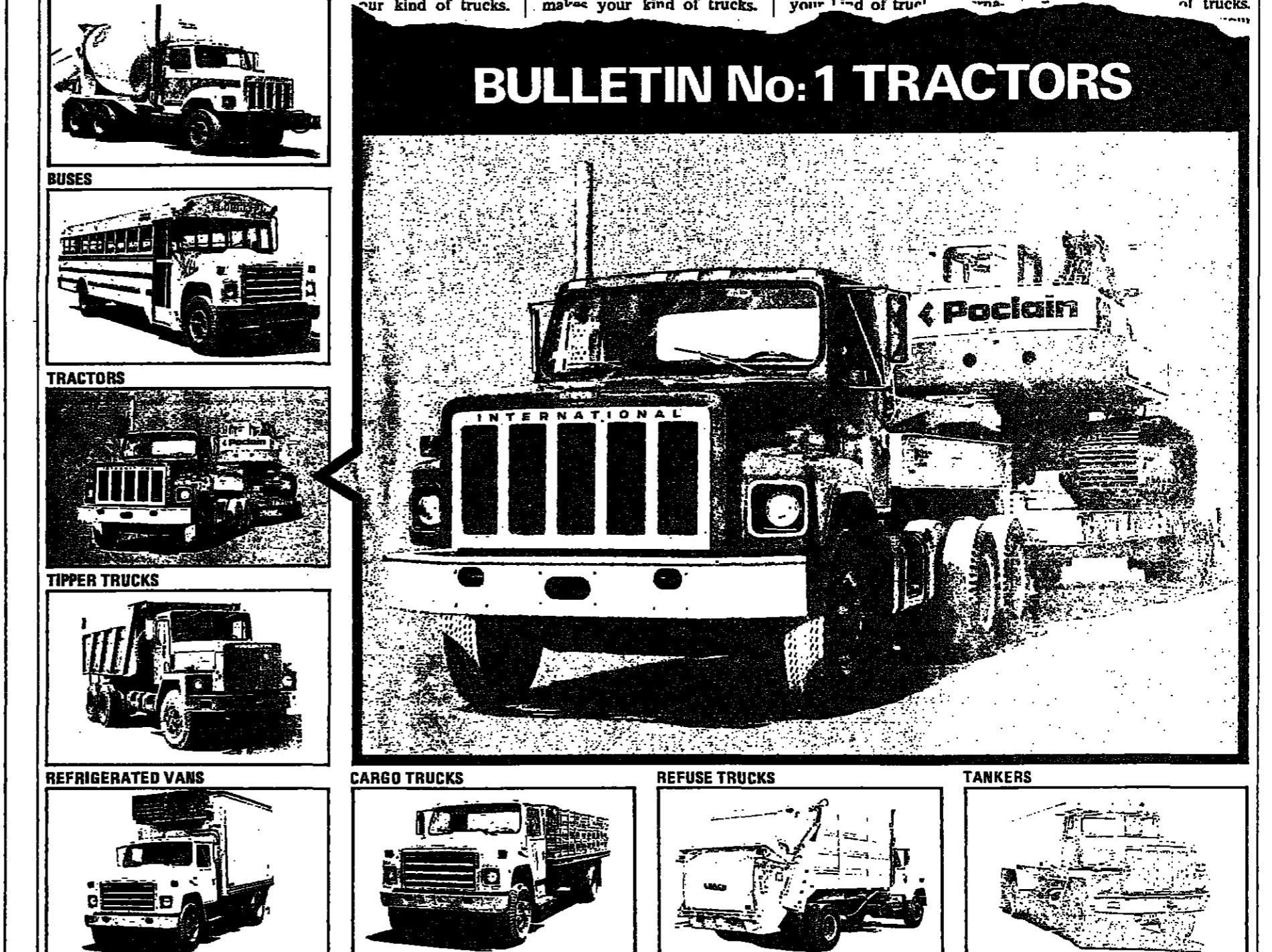
It goes on to add: "We would be solidly behind decisive new directions in U.S. policy for the whole area, based on a just peace for all its people and balanced approach to the Palestine problem. We believe that rigorous and consistent implementation of a coherent policy is urgently needed, not only to foster peace in the area, but also to promote America's interest in this important part of the world."

UAE to host GCC information meeting

RIYADH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host a three-day conference of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) information undersecretaries Sept. 14 to discuss setting up a Gulf broadcasting station, a Saudi newspaper reported.

The *Al-Masryia*, published here, quoting a dispatch from Abu Dhabi said Thursday that the officials will also review coordination between foreign and information ministries in "view of the close links between information and foreign policy."

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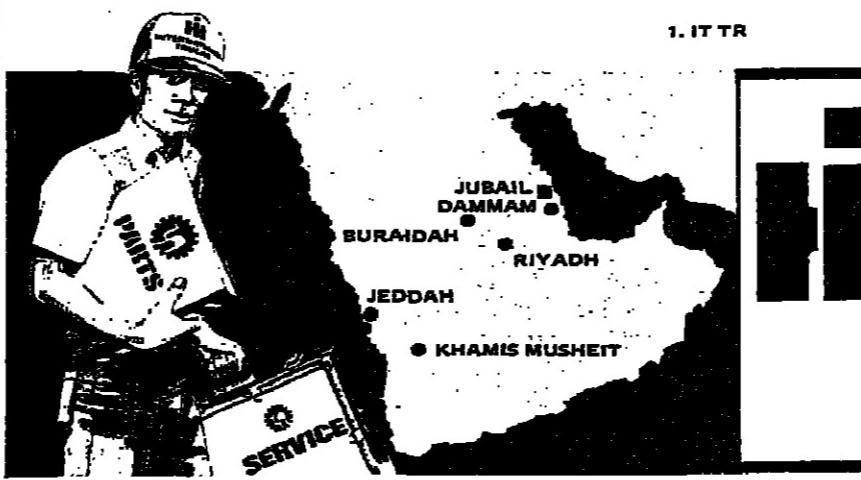
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West Beirutis return as peace forces deploy

BEIRUT, Aug. 27 (AP) — Thousands of West Beirut residents who fled during Israel's bombing raid jammed the crossing points between the capital's eastern and western sectors Thursday as multinational peacekeeping forces deployed in the city.

Traffic at the Galerie Semaan, the main artery between East and West Beirut, was backed up several kilometers, blocking the Beirut-Damascus highway. Avenue Abdallah Yafé, which passes Lebanese Army, Christian militia and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) checkpoints near the old National Museum, was clogged with pickup trucks and cars piled high with household belongings and suitcases.

"I think the Beirut war is now over, so we are going back," said air conditioning technician Muhammad Al-Masry. "During the war we were on the east side. Now we are going back and I hope it is forever."

More than 150,000 people are believed to have fled their Beirut homes since Israeli forces encircled the western sector where more than 600,000 people lived before the Israeli

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli Air Force Friday began military flights between Tel Aviv and Beirut International Airport. Israeli Army radio reported.

KARACHI (AP) — Ailing Nusrat Bhutto, widow of assassinated Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, will be allowed to proceed to Europe "for her medical treatment" under certain conditions, a highly placed official source in Karachi said Thursday.

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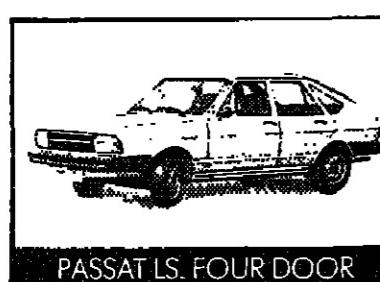
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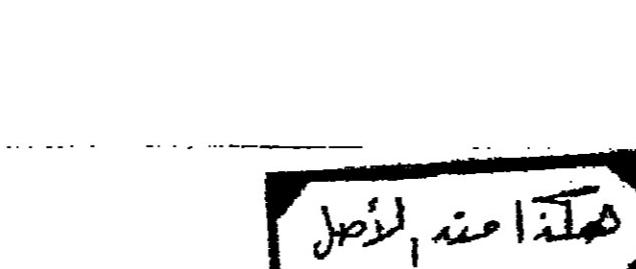
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China holds U.S. responsible for Israeli blitz

PEKING, Aug. 27 (AP) — The United States bears responsibility for Israeli aggression in Lebanon and must make all Israeli troops withdraw immediately. China's leading newspaper said Friday. *The People's Daily* praised the Palestine Liberation Organization and called the PLO withdrawal "A noble contribution" to a peaceful solution of the Lebanon crisis.

The newspaper, voice of the Communist Party Central Committee, said the United States has an "unshirkable responsibility" for the Israeli invasion. The United States, it said, "now must take it upon itself to initiate the immediate and complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, so as to guarantee the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country."

The newspaper warned that Israel should not delay the withdrawal or intervene in Lebanon's internal affairs. It called on the international community to promote a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problems.

In an editorial entitled "Salute to the heroic Palestinian fighters," it said the PLO spared Beirut from a holocaust.

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Tunisia prepares to welcome Arafat

TUNIS, Aug. 27 (R) — A seaside palace surrounded by ornamental gardens and palm trees was being prepared Friday as the new home of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Some 1,100 of his fighters in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) are due to arrive in Tunisia early on Saturday. They will be met with a full-scale welcome headed by President Habib Bourguiba.

There have been no major clashes between Palestinian fighters and Israeli troops in the city since the start of the evacuation last Saturday, although Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said one Israeli soldier was killed by sniper fire near the museum last Tuesday. But there has been almost nightly shooting as the Palestinians or leftist gunmen light up the sky with phosphorous-tipped tracer bullets as part of their round-the-clock send-off of Palestinian evacuees.

"It's finished, the war is finished, I hope," said Arif Hilawi, a merchant who said he was returning home after spending 70 days in Tripoli in northern Lebanon.

"All the people I know told me when the Palestinians go out, it'll be finished," said Hilawi whose three children struggled to prevent a pile of suitcases at the back of their car from falling on them.

But other people waiting for their vehicles to be inspected by Lebanese Army troops at an intersection where an Israeli tank was parked in the corner gasoline station, were reluctant to cite the PLO departure as their reason for returning.

"Suddenly yesterday we decided to come," said Abdullah Sarraf, a 51-year-old airline employee who said he left Beirut Aug. 6 for Aley in the mountains southeast of the city.

In South Lebanon

UNRWA to rebuild refugee camps

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — A United Nations agency, with Israel's reluctant approval, will rebuild gutted refugee camps in South Lebanon for as many as 40,000 Palestinians displaced by Arab-Israeli wars, an Israeli cabinet minister said Thursday.

Israel reversed its objections to rehousing the refugees near its northern border after the Lebanese government flatly refused to allocate land for new camps farther northward, said Yaakov Meridor, the Israeli minister in charge of relief projects in Lebanon.

Meridor said the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which has been pressing to re-enter the refugee camps obliterated by Israeli invasion forces, will begin reconstruction work in about two weeks with the arrival of the first shipment of thousands of tents. Both the

residence being prepared for Arafat is called the Assada Palace at La Marsa, about 25 kms north of Tunis. Queen Elizabeth of England stayed there during her visit to Tunisia in 1980, and it is normally reserved for President Bourguiba's guests.

The commands will be housed at a camp now being set up in the grounds of an agricultural college at Oued Zagou, on Tunisia's fertile agricultural plain, about 115 kms away from the palace.

Tunisian Army engineers Friday were fitting out the college building with showers, games rooms, kitchens and sleeping quarters for about 300 of the Palestinians. The others will be put in tents nearby. Bulldozers have scraped out a playing field to help fill their leisure hours.

The commands will arrive here aboard the Cypriot ship *Sol Phryne* which will be escorted as far as Tunisian territorial waters by two warships, one American, the other French.

Israeli and Lebanese governments see the reconstruction as an undesirable stopgap measure until the refugees can be relocated.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) is heading a committee with Lebanon and Israel participating to seek a more permanent solution for the refugees. So far the committee has a fund of \$100 million, half allocated by Congress.

Southern Lebanon was the home of an estimated 300,000 people who were expelled by Israel from Palestine in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Most were housed and educated in UNRWA camps. The camps were leveled during the first days of Israel's invasion last June.

Meridor estimated that 30,000 Palestinians were left homeless by the invasion, but UNRWA puts the figure at 40,000.

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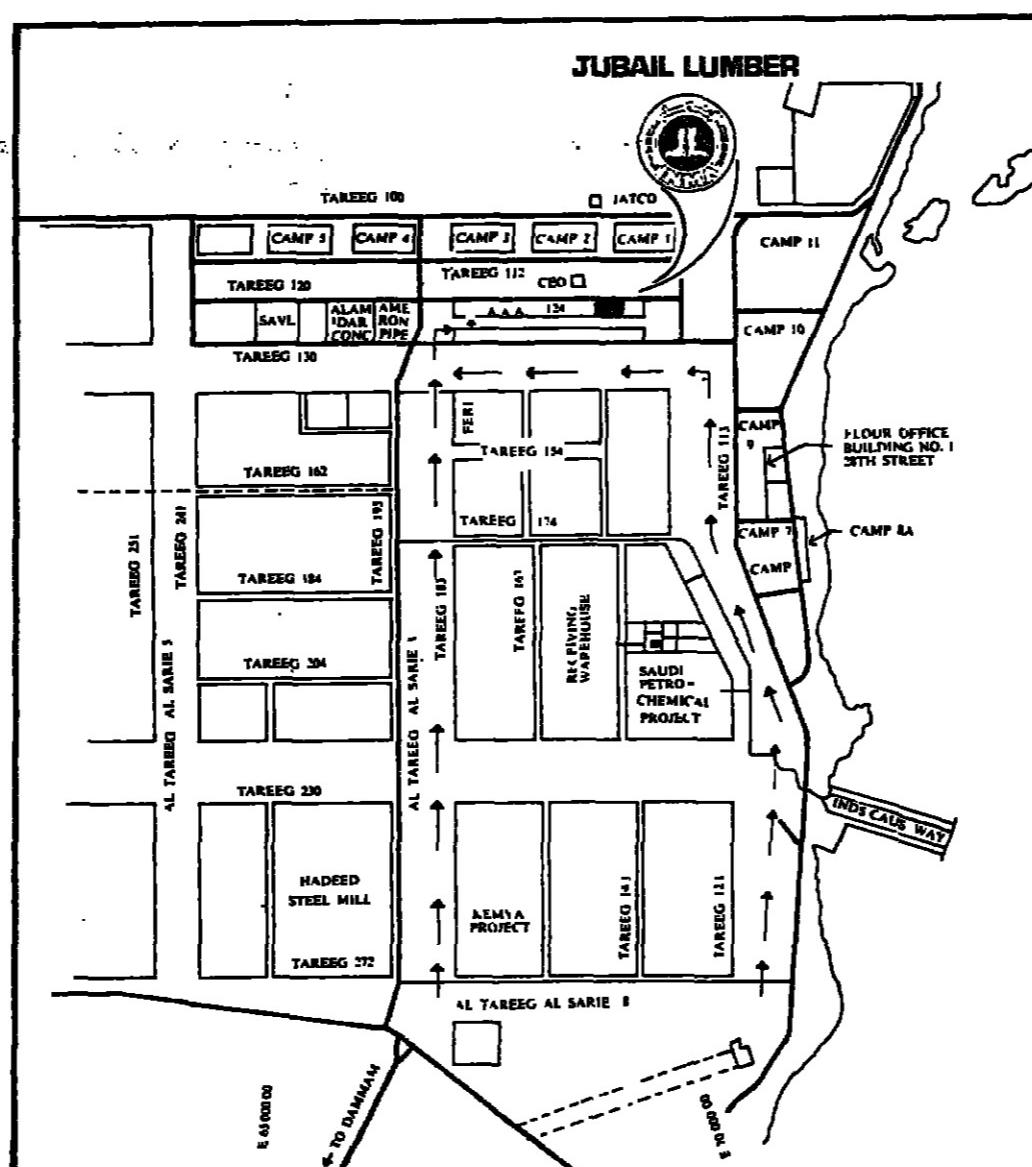
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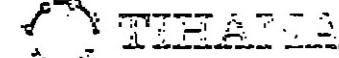
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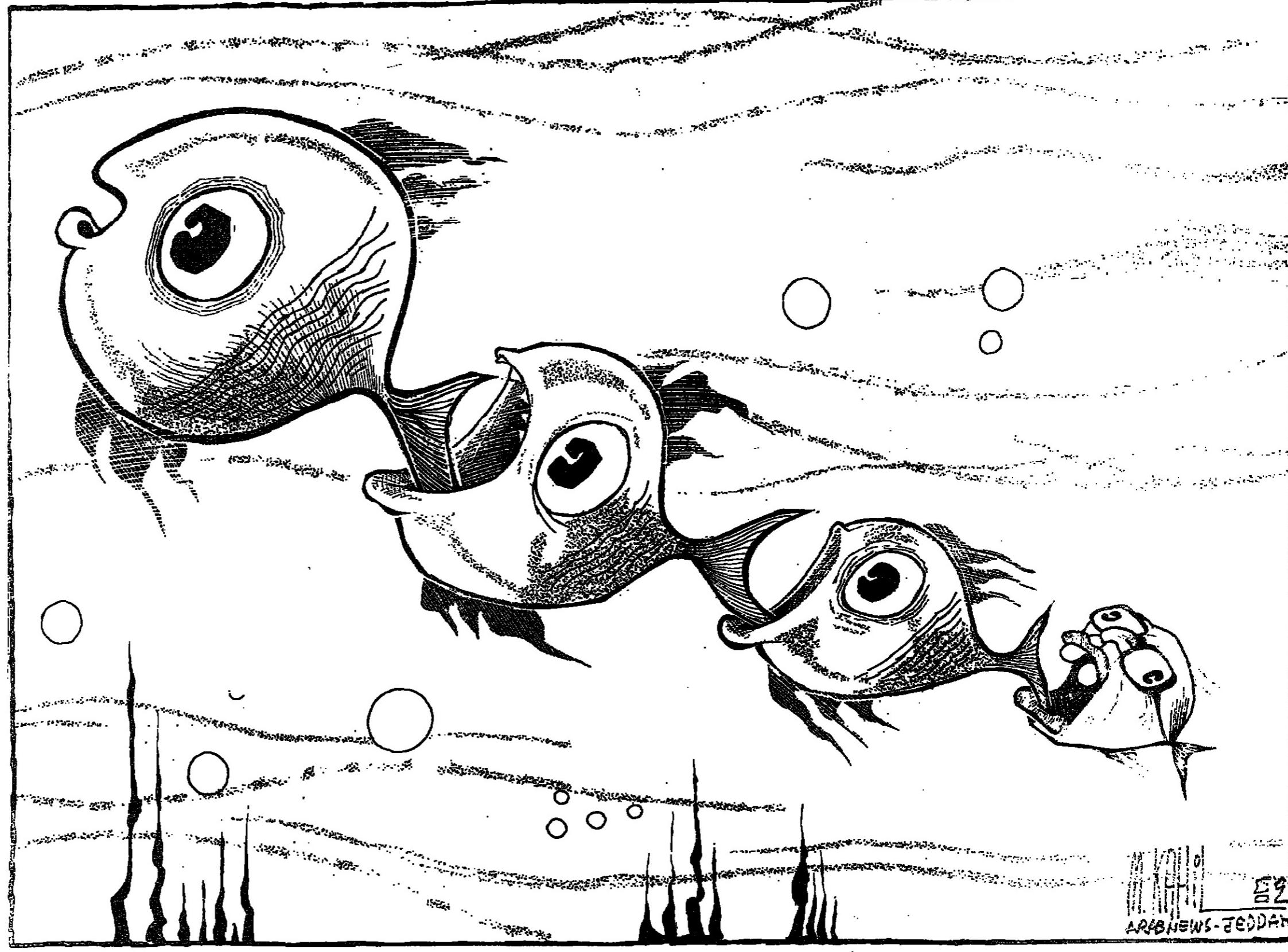
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What next for the PLO?

By Michael Adams

As I write, the evacuation of the PLO fighters from Beirut continues smoothly. There remain all sorts of uncertainties. Will the Israelis allow the international force which is supervising the evacuation to operate in freedom? What about the families of the fighters, who must number many thousands of women and children and whom the PLO men are unwilling to leave behind them?

The most immediate uncertainty stems from the fear of renewed Israeli bombardment of the city. A few days before the evacuation started last week when the American mediator, Philip Habib, seemed on the point of success, and when both the Lebanese government and the PLO appeared to have accepted his plan, heavy fighting broke out again in Beirut and Israeli planes came back to bomb the southern outskirts of the city. As usual there was argument about who had started the firing; but there was little doubt in anyone's mind that what lay behind it was the Israeli belief that without this relentless military pressure there could be no certainty that the evacuation would take place as planned.

But the fact that the Israelis, even while they were discussing Habib's plan with him, found it necessary to go on bombing Beirut does underline the quandary in which they have put themselves. The bombardment, with its cruel civilian casualties, has angered the Americans because it hampers the negotiations; and it has so eroded support for Israel in the outside world that even Jewish groups and individuals, including rabbis, members of parliament and university lecturers, have started to voice in public their distaste and in some cases their horror at the actions of the Israeli government.

But without the bombardment, the Israelis were afraid that they would not achieve the objective they had set themselves of getting the PLO out of Beirut once and for all. And after all that they have said and done, it would be impossible for Begin and his minister of defense, Ariel Sharon — who is the chief architect of this bloody adventure — to order their troops to withdraw without gaining that objec-

tive.

And what then? If the PLO evacuation ends without a major hold-up, will that be the end of the PLO both as a political and as a military organization? I very much doubt it.

After the evacuation, the PLO fighters with their political leadership (which seems so far to have survived the Israeli onslaught virtually intact) will presumably be dispersed among some Arab countries, in much the same way that the rest of the Palestinian population is scattered throughout the Arab world. Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, Sudan, Algeria, North and South Yemen have all been mentioned as likely destinations.

The governments of all these countries would be sure to keep a close eye on any PLO members to whom they offer hospitality. But the Palestinian national movement has grown so strong as a political force — and its strength will only have been increased by its success in holding off the Israelis in Beirut for two months, despite the enormous disparity in weaponry between them — that it will not be easy, in fact I doubt whether it will be possible, for any government to suppress it.

For one thing, the standing of the PLO and of the cause which it represents is not dependent within the Arab world on the military strength of the organization. What it depends on ultimately is the support and sympathy of the Arab people; and it will have gained rather than lost sympathy as a result of its ordeal in Lebanon and the fact that the Arab governments did not come to its assistance.

So within the Arab world, I believe, the PLO will remain a significant political force and will continue to be the focus for the political aspirations of a Palestinian people more than ever aroused and determined to gain its independence. But what will be more important will be the extent to which the PLO can preserve and if possible strengthen its standing in the world at large, by adapting itself to the change in its circumstances forced upon it by events in Lebanon.

Here I see three possibilities. One is that the PLO, exhausted by the struggle in Lebanon and power-

less, at least for the time being, to exert any physical pressure on Israel, lapses into obscurity. The second is that the PLO as a whole or some of its constituent organizations will resort to the kind of international violence which earned them a bad name in the early 1970s and which Yasser Arafat persuaded them to abandon in favor of the diplomatic battle for recognition and independence.

The third possibility is the one which will require most courage and self-control. It would mean the continuation of that diplomatic battle, in which the PLO had made such gains but which they tried to fight at the same time as they kept up the much less successful armed confrontation with Israel. To continue the diplomatic battle now, with their military capacity destroyed, will seem to some Palestinians a waste of time. Who is going to take any notice of us, they will say, if we have no power, no force, with which to back up our claims? And they may well be right to think like this in a harsh world of *realpolitik*.

If the Palestinians play their cards right, however, it seems to me that the opposite could be the case.

The very fact that the PLO in future — in the near future, at any rate — will not represent a military threat to Israel, or to anyone else, may be a substantial asset for it in its political and diplomatic struggle. It will undermine the principal argument used by the Israelis in opposing Palestinian claims: the argument that if these claims were accepted, the result would be the destruction of Israel. And because the Israelis have pursued their military vendetta with the PLO with such savagery in Lebanon, there is today much more understanding of and sympathy for the political aspirations of the Palestinians.

At the heart of these aspirations is the yearning for a homeland, an independent Palestinian state in Palestine. If the Palestinians, led by the PLO, now concentrate on pursuing this objective by peaceful means, they may find that in losing their military capability they have acquired a political advantage — just at the moment when Israel has forfeited what has always been its greatest asset: the sympathy and friendship of the Western world.

Letters to the editor

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Sir,

The letter of Mohd. Seirwan in your newspaper on Aug. 19 should not go unchallenged in its slanderous attack on the United States.

1 — The USA is not killing Arab women and babies. The USA, alone, actively negotiated the end of the Israeli attack on the PLO in Lebanon and worked out the Camp David accords to the benefit of Egypt.

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Treatment of Filipinos

Sir,

My colleagues are so perplexed and dismayed about the poor treatment meted out to Filipinos workers in general. We must remember that no two persons are alike. We should not judge them hastily or denounce them all. We should not let innocent people suffer just for the mistakes of others and should remember that these workers come here to help us. Their efficiency ratings are highly regarded throughout the world. We should be thankful to these Filipinos for sharing their experiences in the further development of our Kingdom.

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Today is Saturday, Aug. 28th, the 240th day of 1982. There are 125 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

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1574 — Treaty of Bristol settles commercial disputes between English and Spanish merchants.

1619 — Gabor Bethlen of Transylvania invades Hungary.

1793 — British force under Admiral Alexander Hood occupies Toulon, France.

1833 — British parliament bans slavery throughout British Empire.

1849 — Venice, Italy, submits to Austria after lengthy siege.

1879 — British troops capture Cetwawayo in Zulu war in Africa.

1910 — Montenegro is proclaimed independent kingdom under Nicholas I.

1916 — Italy declares war on Germany during World War I, and Germany declares war on Romania.

1943 — Japanese resistance ends on island of New Georgia in Solomons during World War II.

1973 — Earthquake hits area southwest of Mexico City, Mexico, killing 500 people and injuring 1,000 others.

1975 — France flies troops and police to its Mediterranean island of Corsica to quell demonstrations for autonomy.

1981 — John Hinckley Jr. pleads innocent to charges he tried to assassinate U.S. President Ronald Reagan five months earlier.

Thought for today:

A wise man changes his mind, a fool never — Spanish proverb.

WAR OF ATTRITION

Iraq has begun to benefit the all-important Iranian oil terminal in Kharg Island in the middle of the Gulf waterway which serves as the conduit for Iran's oil to be exported by the littoral states. Already, oil tankers have been scared away from the terminal and the London maritime insurance companies have tripled their minimum war-risk rate for cargoes of oil using Kharg.

Even without tripling the rates, the companies will take the risk of sending their tankers to load at the terminal which will deal a serious blow to Iraq's oil exports just as the suspension of exports through the Syrian pipeline earlier this year had adversely affected Iraq's export capacity.

Iran and Iraq have so far failed miserably to reach a peaceful settlement of the disastrous war in the Gulf and there is not much hopeful sign that they would without a decisive military victory for one side or the other. This seems to be out of the question for the time being, giving rise to a catastrophic war of attrition which can only aggravate the sufferings of what were until recently major Islamic states as well as sound economic and military structures.

But the worst is still to come. It is not going to be except the destruction of its only submarine export terminal without a violent reaction which may spill over to other areas of the region if it cannot be contained against Iraq itself. The senseless destruction of resources that may result will dwarf everything else that has been caused so far unless a determined attempt is made to bring about an immediate and honorable end to the war. Already, several hundred thousands of young soldiers and many more civilians have been killed and wounded. The two countries have lost more money than they had earned in the 12 years preceding the war.

Unless the recently-convened Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference takes it upon itself to mediate an end to the war at any cost, the consequences of the current escalation will be utterly frightful to contemplate.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers called on the Arabs to forget their marginal differences for the sake of their main cause, and said Saturday's planned foreign ministers conference in Morocco should serve as a historic turning point to recover Palestinian rights.

Other said, "Arab ministers were meeting tomorrow to prepare for an Arab summit at a time developments in the region made it necessary to take practical and effective measures determining the Arabs' future for a long time to come."

"This was because of the serious challenges imposed on them, especially the dangerous designs aimed at stabbing their prime cause in the heart, namely the Palestine cause," it added.

"In view of the current developments, it has become inevitable for the Arabs to unite and forget their marginal differences for the sake of their cause," Olay wrote.

The paper affirmed that the world would not respect the Arabs or meet their just demands "unless it felt we are united and adopt a joint stand."

"This is in fact the responsibility of Arab leaders at the Feb summit for which the foreign ministers will be preparing at their meeting tomorrow," it said.

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Spain's Socialists confident of winning elections

By Brian Mooney

Spain's opposition Socialist Party, confident of winning general elections in the next few months, is drawing up plans for what would be the country's first left-wing government since the 1936-39 civil war. By the standard of other Western Socialist parties, the Spaniards' plans are cautious almost to the point of reading like a blueprint for a mildly reformist social democratic administration.

But in fundamentally conservative Spain, where only seven years ago the Socialist Party was outlawed and persecuted, the perspective is very different. A Socialist government would herald a significant change in Spain whose fledgling parliamentary democracy has not yet fully emerged from the shadow of the late Gen. Francisco Franco.

The Socialists under the moderate leadership of Felipe Gonzalez, a 40-year-old lawyer with the共产党人 side represented in the Palestinian people's right to live in honorable life."

Noted the recent royal decree issued by King Juan Carlos on medical and educational aid to the Palestinians, saying this only affirmed the Kingdom's efforts in the service of the Palestine cause, including helping in the formation of a young generation of Palestinians armed with education and tools of carrying out the revolution.

They see last year's attempted military takeover as chilling proof of the threat. Many politicians in Spain, not just the Socialists, argue that the threat will disappear only if the soldiers, reared on victory over the left in the civil war, stay in their barracks in the event of a Socialist victory at the polls.

Most believe that the army will remain loyal to the constitution. The Socialists are clearly hoping to minimize the risks but they know there are some they cannot avoid. They intend to overhaul both the political and military establishments but plan to steer clear of the extreme policies, like nationalism, which could provoke a backlash from the right

and cause major friction.

MADRID — Considerations about how Spain would fare under a Socialist government have assumed a sense of urgency in recent weeks following a series of public opinion polls predicting that the party would win early general elections. "Elections are won and lost on polling day, but yes, we are preparing to form the next government," Socialist spokesman Helga Soto said.

Predictions of a Socialist victory are based on the assumption that the ruling Union of Democratic Center (UCD) will continue to fall apart and fail to muster a majority in congress (lower house) for a key budget debate in September or October. This would precipitate elections not normally due until next April and leave the center and right helplessly divided in the face of the Socialists who polled second to the UCD in the last elections in 1979.

Under the slogan "a majority for change," the Socialists are spelling out how they intend to govern Spain. They promise a major shakeup in the state bureaucracy, both structurally and in terms of top personnel. "Our bureaucracy belongs to the Third World. There will be tremendous changes," a party spokeswoman said.

The Socialists have equally ambitious plans for overhauling Spain's armed forces which they say have hardly been touched since the Franco era. The party's deputy leader, Alfonso Guerra, said in a recent interview there were many changes envisaged for the military.

Guerra bluntly accused the UCD of serious errors in promoting senior officers whose loyalty to the constitution was at best questionable. He cited as anomalies the fact that army garrisons in Spain are positioned around the big cities in the interior not at the borders and the continued existence of military

governors ruling side by side with civilian authorities in the regions.

Spain has recently become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) giving the forces what many observers believed would be a chance to modernize and look outward. But the Socialists, nonetheless, are committed to holding a national referendum on Spain's membership of NATO if they win the elections even at the risk of disaffection in the barracks.

Another area of potential friction with the military involves a promise by Guerra that the party would reopen the frontier with Gibraltar which Spain closed 13 years ago as part of a campaign to force Britain to surrender its colony. Guerra said it no longer served any purpose to keep the frontier closed — a view which may not be entirely shared by all Spanish Army officers.

On the economic front, the Socialists are promising that there will be no big surprises. They are not planning any wholesale nationalization of industries or banks.

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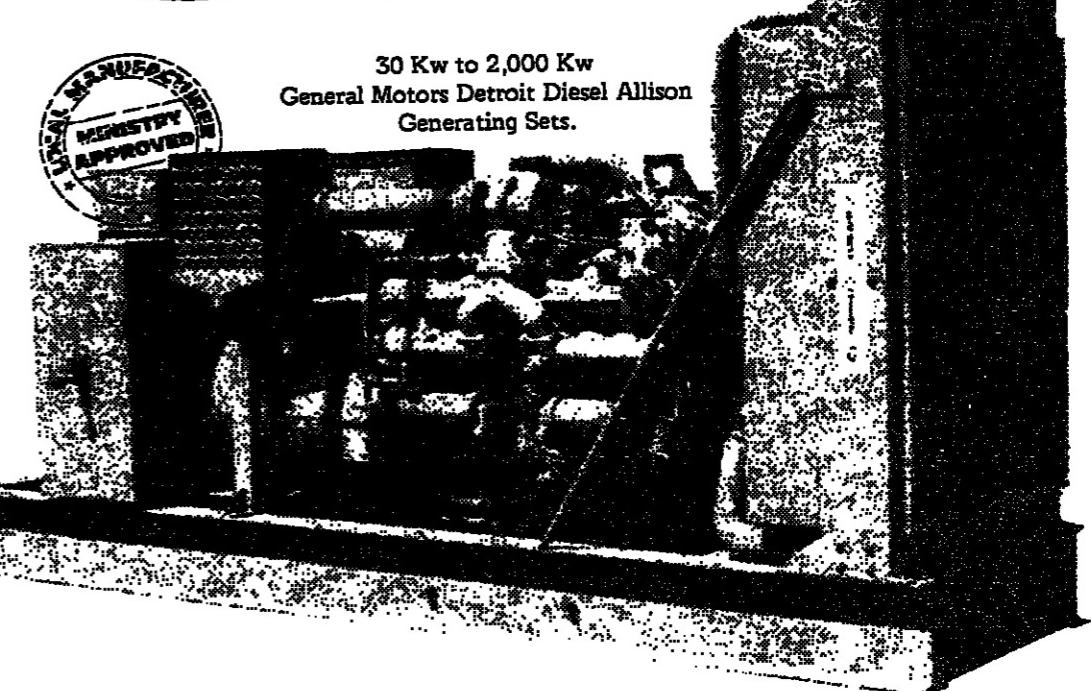
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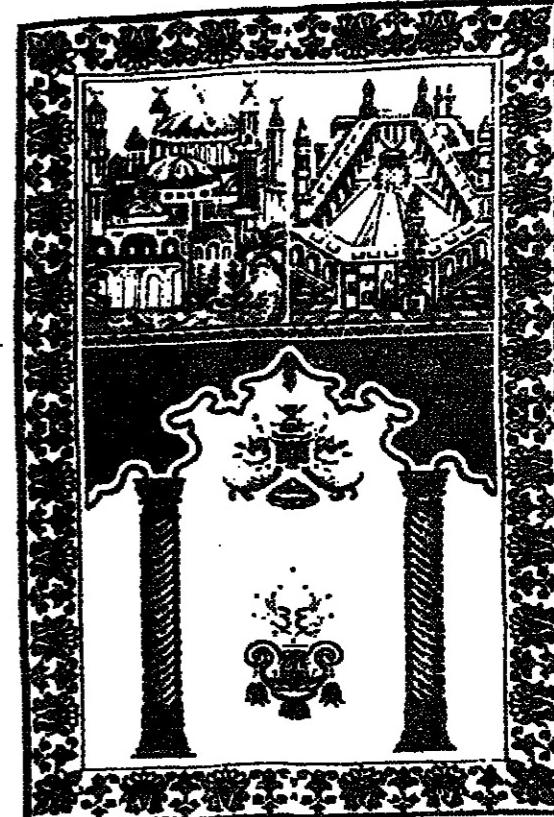
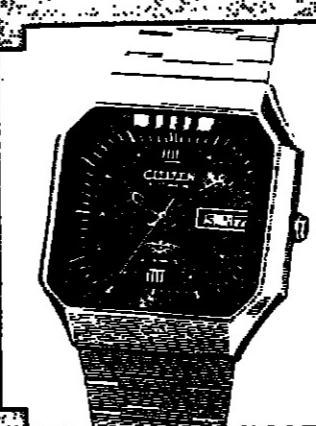
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Many a brush with icy death

By Alison Maitland

LONDON (R) — "It is a mad and suitably British idea," declared Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, when explorers Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Charles Burton set off three years ago on an epic round the world voyage in both polar caps.

They return to London Sunday and the prince, an expedition patron, will welcome him home after the journey during which they brushed several times with an icy death, saw their fingers and toes split by extreme cold and came face to face with hungry polar bears.

Throughout an admittedly self-imposed ordeal they demonstrated a spirit of fortitude and adventure reminiscent of the great British Antarctic explorers earlier this century — men like Capt. Robert Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton.

The perilous first attempt to circle the earth in its axis began in London in September 1979 when ex-soldiers Sir Ranulph, 38, and Burton, 40, and Oliver Shepard set off down the River Thames in their support ship *Benjamin Bowring*.

Transglobe expedition leader Sir Ranulph — full name Ranulph Twisleton-Nykeham-Fiennes — was educated at Eton, the prestige school for boys founded in 1440.

Sir Ranulph joined the army, becoming a member of its elite and secretive special air service (SAS). He has explored the white Nile in a hovercraft and written five travel books.

For eight months they sat through the winter darkness on the edge of the Antarctic plateau in cardboard huts in temperatures as low as minus 54 Celsius, setting off in October 1980 across an ocean of ice, much of it unmapped and devoid of landmarks.

The last British explorers to cross this wasteland were Sir Edmund Hillary and Sir Vivian Fuchs in 1958, the latter now an adviser to the transglobe expedition.

The extreme cold split the men's fingers, toes, lips and nostrils despite coatings of salve. During the 47-day, 1,530-km trek to the Pole, Burton plunged into a crevasse on his snowmobile and was saved only by his rope and harness, which the others seized.

Nearly 70 years earlier, Capt. Robert Falconer and the last two of his original four companions died in Antarctic blizzards after being beaten to the South Pole by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen.

Sir Ranulph, Burton and Shepard arrived safely at the Pole on Dec. 14, 1980. After nine months by sea and river north to Canada, they were to face greater hazards on their journey to the top of the world. It was

the stuff children's comics are made of — disaster after disaster created nerve-racking suspense.

Without Shepard, who had dropped out of the expedition, Sir Ranulph and Burton set off last February from the world's most northerly point of habitation — the Alert military base on the Canadian island of Ellesmere.

Sir Ranulph had no illusions about the 830-km trek through continuous darkness to the North Pole. "Nowhere is there so hostile and uncertain a region as the Arctic," he said. "To travel on its broken skin is to court death."

The first setback was a fire at the base camp at Alert that destroyed five of their snowmobiles, stranding them for two days until replacements could be found and flown out to them. Eleven days later, a snowmobile carrying Sir Ranulph plunged through thin ice into the deep Arctic ocean, taking their tent, heating and cooking equipment, maps and charts with it. Sir Ranulph managed to jump clear.

The two men survived by huddling together in a sleeping bag with only a thin flysheet to protect them against minus 26 degrees Celsius of cold.

Equipped with fresh supplies and a new snow vehicle they battled on, only to meet an

arctic heat wave that melted the ice around them and halted them 600 kms from the Pole. It was the mildest arctic winter on record. But by good fortune their ice floe was blown into an ice pack and the two men were able to scramble to safety.

In a near rerun of the 1911 South Pole race, a team led by Norwegian explorer Ragnar Thorseth said it would try to reach the North Pole first by a parallel route. But the melting ice caused problems for the Norwegians too and eventually they had to be evacuated by plane.

The British explorers arrived at the North Pole on April 11, eight weeks after leaving Alert and four days ahead of schedule. But their problems were not over. On the last leg south their supply plane developed engine trouble, stranding them with only four day's rations. Then they drifted on ice floes for 99 days, at one point being blown back north again.

Their camp on the floes was visited by 18 polar bears, which they drove away by banging saucepans and firing warning shots. Then there was a final 16 km dash across melting, jagged ice to the sea and their support ship, *Benjamin Bowring*.

Their 83,000-km expedition had explicit purposes: they set up trade exhibitions en route to promote sales by some of over 1,000 mainly British firms that sponsored them. And they carried out scientific and medical research.

New comet in the sky

By Lee Dembart

LAKE OF THE WOODS, California (LAT) — There's a just-discovered comet in the sky these nights, so a cluster of amateur astronomers journeyed recently to a dark spot near the top of Mount Pinos, 100 miles north of Los Angeles, to try to get a good look at it.

Interest in the comet has been growing since June, when Rodney Richard Dacre Austin, an amateur in New Zealand, discovered it in the morning sky and gave it its name, Comet Austin.

Many skywatchers hoped the new comet would be bright and visible, like Halley's Comet, whose return later in this decade they eagerly await. But, still smarting from the Kohoutek Comet fizzle of a few years ago, they didn't want to say too much about it.

Once a month, on the Saturday night after a new moon, when the sky is darkest, several dozen amateur astronomers gather in a large parking lot, 8,831 feet up in the Los Padres national forest, far from city lights.

They arrive in campers, set up their equipment and play tapes of star music while scanning the heavens. If someone turns on light or, worse yet, headlights, they scowl and shout.

Some look at planets. Jupiter and its moons and Saturn and its rings were clearly visible just after sunset. "It changes every night," said Charles Durham, who has been viewing the sky for 15 of his 50 years. "I never get tired of looking at it."

Others look for familiar objects that tam-

talize the imagination: M13, a ball containing hundreds of thousands of stars, the lagoon nebula, a cloud of hydrogen gas from which new stars condense, the Andromeda galaxy, 2 million light years away.

When the light that was observed Saturday night left the Andromeda galaxy, mastodons and sabre-toothed tigers walked the earth.

Bambi Hale, 14, was using her six-inch telescope to observe Messier objects, 103 clusters and nebulas that were catalogued by the Frenchman Messier in 1784.

"I'm hooked on astronomy, at least as a hobby, and maybe as a profession." Nearby stood her father, Jim. "She's the stargazer. I'm just the chauffeur," he said.

But the big attraction was Comet Austin and, after several tries, it was spotted in the northwest sky, just below the big dipper. A pair of binoculars was mounted on a tripod, and people took turns looking at the comet, a small fuzzy object, like a cotton ball.

Some said they could see the tail pointing back up toward the big dipper. The tail is created when escaping gases from the sun — the so-called solar wind — blow ice and debris into space from the head of the comet back into space.

Hal Jandorf, whose enthusiasm sparked the interest of many who gathered around him, had hoped to take pictures of Comet Austin. But the comet just wasn't bright enough.

"Just think," Jandorf sighed, "we came all the way up here and all of that drive just to see a fuzzy spot. Halley's will be a lot better than that."

Venice restoring glory of oldest film festival

By Françoise Maupin

VENICE (AFP) — The world's oldest film festival, Venice's "Mostra", will be celebrating its 50th anniversary when it opens here Saturday, just four months after France's Cannes film festival reached its 35th anniversary.

There has been no shortage of tribulations since the "Mostra" first opened on Aug. 6, 1932, soon after the "talkies" first took a new cinema-going public by storm. For twice in its first half century, it has been killed off. But now its aim is to restore its prestige of the 1950s and 1960s.

The festival died in 1941 as World War II threatened to spread after Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union a few months before, and then again in the 1970s when the Italian film world was wracked by ideological debates.

But it was launched again in 1979 under the guidance of film director Carlo Lizzani, and for the past four years its "new look" has had an expressed aim of being accessible to all cultural trends as well as restoring former prestige.

Dinge (The waythings are) by Wim Wenders.

The Soviet Union's *Agony* by Nikolai Klimov is particularly awaited — outside the competition — as it has been held back for release for several years by Moscow. There are also four films from East European countries.

Three U.S. films to be shown are *Tempest* by Paul Mazursky, *A Midsummer Night's Comedy* by Woody Allen, and *Blade Runner*. The Third World will be represented, among other films, by Egypt's *Hedaya Misriya* (Memory) by Youssef Chahine.

Expected successes will have avant-premieres at Venice, like *Victor Victoria* by Blake Edwards, *E.T.* by Steven Spielberg and *Pottergeist* by Tobe Hooper.

Stars expected to attend include Gina Lollobrigida, Jose Ferrer, Isabelle Huppert, Vittorio Gassmann, Jean-Louis Trintignant and Franco Nero.

The "Mostra" jury will include Marcel Carne (France), Satyajit Ray (India), Andrei Tarkovsky (Soviet Union), Mario Monicelli (Italy) and Gillo Pontecorvo (Italy).

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.
Steinrohn
M.D., F.A.C.P.

baby by drinking as much as two cups of coffee daily during the first four months of my pregnancy. I've quit. The question is will there be any birth defects. Am I worrying unnecessarily? — Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Here are the conclusions in a study made by Shai Lin, M.D. and associates and published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in an article called, "No Association Between Coffee Consumption and Adverse Outcomes of Pregnancy." These investigators concluded, "Furthermore, there was no excess of malformations among coffee drinkers. These negative results suggest that coffee consumption has a minimal effect, if any, on the outcome of pregnancy." But they found that low birth weight occurred more often among offspring of women who drank four or more cups of coffee a day and more often among the offspring of smokers.

For Mrs. Y.: Here are some interesting facts about dieting brought out in an annual meeting of the Calorie Control Council:

- * One-half of U.S. households contain a dieter.
- * One in every five adult Americans is dieting.
- * The average dieter will attempt three to five dieting efforts per year.
- * 60 percent of all women diet in contrast to 25 percent of men.
- * 70 percent of dieters want to maintain their current weight or lose up to 10 pounds; 30 percent want to lose more than 10 pounds.
- * 15 percent of the United States population consider themselves 30 percent or more overweight.
- * 90 percent of dieters will skip meals, while one in three will try a specific diet or a crash diet.

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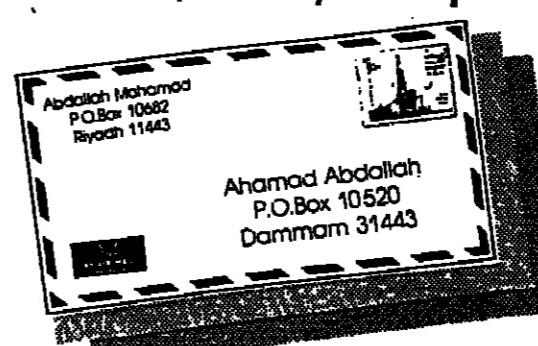
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Blames Hanoi for tension

Peking rejects plea for truce on border

PEKING, Aug. 27 (AP) — Communists China has rejected a recent Vietnamese proposal for a ceasefire along their common border and accused Hanoi of being responsible for the continuing hostilities by its "anti-China policy," the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

In a note addressed to the Vietnamese Embassy here, the Chinese foreign minister said "facts have shown that tension along the Sino-Vietnamese border has resulted solely from the Vietnamese authorities' pursuance of an anti-China policy and deliberate provocations against China's border areas."

Vietnam had proposed a ceasefire and suspension of border hostilities from Aug. 27 to Oct. 1, so that the two countries could celebrate their national days peacefully. The Vietnamese National Day falls on Sept. 2, and China's on Oct. 1.

Tanzania tries Kenya rebels

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 27 (R) — The mysterious "People's Redemption Council" which tried to overthrow the Kenyan government Aug. 1 was led by a Kenyan Air Force private now on trial in Tanzania, a court was told Thursday. He was named by a fellow accused as senior Pvt. Heekiel Ochuka.

Senior Sgt. Pancras Oteyo Okumu, who is on trial with Pvt. Ochuka on charges of kidnapping two Kenyan Air Force officers and forcing them to fly to Tanzania told the court in Dar Es Salaam that he was a member of the redemption council but Pvt. Ochuka did not testify.

Up to now, little has been known about the self-styled council, which began broadcasting that it had toppled President Daniel Arap

U.S. airlines make random searches

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Pan Am planes are being subjected to spot searches and a second U.S. airline has begun making routine bomb checks because of the discovery of a second bomb on a Pan Am Jumbo jet, officials said Thursday.

Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta, began the checks Wednesday night on all international and a few domestic flights. "The routine will continue until we feel this bomb threat situation has ended," said Delta spokesman Bill Berry.

In Los Angeles, police searched two Pan Am planes Wednesday night but nothing was found, said Pan Am spokesman Jeff Kriender in New York, the headquarters for Pan American World Airways. "We didn't have any threat. It was just a precautionary measure for stepped-up security reasons," Kriender

Responding to the Aug. 14 Vietnamese note, Peking accused Hanoi of "intrusions" into Chinese territories since early this year, and said the Vietnamese Air Force has "violated" Chinese air space on "reconnaissance" flights on several occasions.

The note further contended that Vietnamese ships have "attacked and seized" Chinese fishing boats, and their crews, that Hanoi "has up to now refused to return to China."

The ministry has not yet responded to Hanoi's call for a renewal of negotiations between the two countries, spelled out last Monday by the Communist Party journal *Nhan Dan*. The negotiations began after the February-March 1979 conflict between the two countries, and were broken off by Peking two years ago following what it considered to be numerous fruitless sessions.

Soviet Army in E. Germany 'reinforced'

BONN, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The Soviet Army is reinforcing its 20 East German divisions by 30-40 percent in reaction to reinforcements in Atlantic alliance anti-tank defenses, military sources say.

The Soviet Union has a total of some 385,000 troops in East Germany. East German troops number about 150,000. The sources say the major points of the Soviet program are:

Addition by 1983 of 2,000 artillery systems — heavy mortars, rocket launchers and cannon — designed to precede armor on the battlefield and wipe out anti-tank weapons in the event of a conflict.

Addition of a 152MM self-propelled artillery battalion to every tank column.

Replacement of armored infantry companies with much larger battalions in the three tank columns of each of the 10 armored divisions, and the addition of BMP-73 light tanks.

Reinforcement of armored infantry columns with a self-propelled artillery battalion.

The program was begun in 1980, following Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's Oct. 6, 1979 announcement of the withdrawal of 20,000 men and 1,000 tanks from East Germany, the sources said.

Under the restructure, the Soviets are reintroducing in East Germany 17,000 men, 250 T-62, and T-72 tanks, several hundred BMP-73 light infantry tanks, and 1,000 cannon and missile launchers, they said.

A source said the strength of Soviet military units in East Germany has been increasing steadily since 1975. In 1975, for example, there were 344 tanks in a Soviet armored division against 415 today. A mechanized infantry division contained 272 tanks in 1975, 320 today. An armored division had 120 vehicles then, 175 today. And in 1977, said the source, there were 366,000 Soviet troops in East Germany, against today's 385,000.

Indian to go into space

NEW DELHI, Aug. 27 (AFP) — India's first cosmonaut will go into space aboard a Soviet vehicle in 1984 and is currently undergoing training in southern India, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Friday.

The spaceman, chosen from among the Indian Air Force's test pilots was now undergoing intensive training at the Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) in Bangalore, the agency said in a dispatch, quoting ASTE commandant, Air Commander P. Singh.

The unnamed cosmonaut and a stand-by would be sent to the Soviet Union before long for advanced training together with Soviet cosmonauts before taking off into space under the joint program already agreed upon between the two countries.

Argentine parties legalized

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 27 (R) — President Reynaldo Bignone legalized Argentina's political parties nearly six years after they were banned when the armed forces seized power in 1976.

The president signed a statute Thursday legalizing the parties and regulating their internal organization after making a 20-minute speech to the nation. He reaffirmed in the speech his government's determination to return Argentina to democracy by March 1984.

The president had lifted a ban on political activity immediately after taking power with army backing two months ago, but the new law he signed Thursday will permit the parties to resume normal functioning.

He said that with the lifting of restrictions on Trade union activity also, strikes could take place, but these should be seen as a form of expression normal in a democratic society.

At several points in his speech, President Bignone stressed moderation would be the keynote of his government's action. He emphasized his government has sufficient power and authority, commenting that its mandate to return Argentina to democracy had been given by the armed forces as a whole.

Jorge Webbe, a veteran financial administrator, took over as the new economy minister Wednesday. The new central bank chief was vice president of Argentina's largest commercial bank, the state-owned Banco de la Nacion, for several months last year under the former government of Gen. Robert Viola.

S. Africa explains Zimbabwe raid

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Three white soldiers killed in southeast Zimbabwe last week were members of the South African forces apparently on an unauthorized mission, armed forces Cmdr. Gen. Constand Viljoen said here.

Gen. Viljoen told a press conference Thursday night that the dead men, all former members of the Rhodesian Army seemed to have been hoping to set free political prisoners being held in a camp in southeast Zimbabwe. He said the three, Sgt. John Andrew Wes-

BRIEFS

COLOMBO, (R) — Sri Lanka's parliament Thursday approved by 139 votes to one a bill changing the constitution to allow an early presidential election after four years of the president's six-year term. Political sources said President Junius Jayewardene might now call an election in October.

MOSCOW (R) — The American wife of Russian hunger striker Yuri Balovlenkov said Soviet authorities had promised he would be allowed to emigrate no later than 1985.

LONDON (AP) — Ex-King Umberto of Italy is "quite comfortable" after a checkup at a London hospital, a spokesman said Friday. The *Daily Mail* reported Friday, however, that the 77-year-old former monarch was "seriously ill" and undergoing treatment at the London clinic. Umberto reigned for only 46 days in 1946 and was not allowed to return to Italy after it was declared a republic that year. He lives in exile in Portugal, where he died with his wife, ex-Queen Marie Jose and their four children.

The navy and air force withdrew from Argentina's ruling military junta after the army insisted on Gen. Bignone's appointment as head of state in June after the country's defeat by Britain in the Falklands (Malvinas) crisis.

In an apparent reference to factions of the armed forces reported to be discontented with his rule, President Bignone said people should recognize everyone has the right to be different and think differently. It was wrong to try and impose your own views on others by force, he added.

In a separate development, Julio Gonzalez del Solar, an orthodox economist, was named Thursday as the new president of Argentina's Central bank. He replaces Domingo Cavallo, who resigned Tuesday along with Economy Minister Jose Maria Domingo Pastor in a government crisis over economic policy.

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Benn discusses crown's powers

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The British crown's power to dissolve parliament before term and to invite a person to form a government should be abolished, leading British Labor Party member Tony Benn said here.

Benn said in an article published in the September issue of *The New Socialist* monthly that the two prerogatives still remaining under the personal control of the crown "have never been seriously discussed in Britain or in the Labor Party."

This was because "we have always adopted the working assumption that the crown would behave toward a Labor prime minister with strict constitutional propriety. Accept all advice proffered and act upon it," he said. But the use of the delegated crown prerogative by the governor general of Australia, in November 1975, who dismissed Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and appointed his successor, "turned this matter into a vital issue."

The dissolution of the Australian government "even though Whitlam enjoyed clear majority in the House of Representatives" amounted to a "legalized coup d'état," Benn said. He suggested that the best way to avoid any recurrence of what happened in Australia would be to transfer the power of dissolution and the power to ask a person to form a government "to the speaker of the House of Commons, subject to its confirmation by that body."

"The speaker knows the Commons intimately," Benn said, "and is therefore specially qualified to reach a judgment about the appropriate moment for granting a dissolution and who is most likely to command a majority." Benn, a former Labor minister for energy, gave up his peerage and previously advocated that the British House of Lords should be dissolved.

Greenpeace restrained

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27 (AFP) — A court in Amsterdam banned the international Greenpeace ecology movement from further hindering the dumping of nuclear waste in the Atlantic.

Magistrate B.J. Ascher, ruling on a complaint by the Dutch Nuclear Research Center (E.C.N.), said Greenpeace would have to pay 250,000 florins (nearly \$95,000) per day in costs for further delays caused by its militants.

Greenpeace militants are fighting to prevent the dumping going ahead 700 kilometers off the northwest coast of Spain. The waste from Dutch hospitals, laboratories and the E.C.N. is being taken to the dumping site by the Dutch ship *Schedelborg* which is expected to arrive there Friday or Saturday.

On Aug. 13 Greenpeace volunteers boarded a British dumping ship in the Atlantic and chained themselves to unloading platforms. The movement has sent its ship *Siruis* from Amsterdam to harass the Dutch ships involved in the dumping.

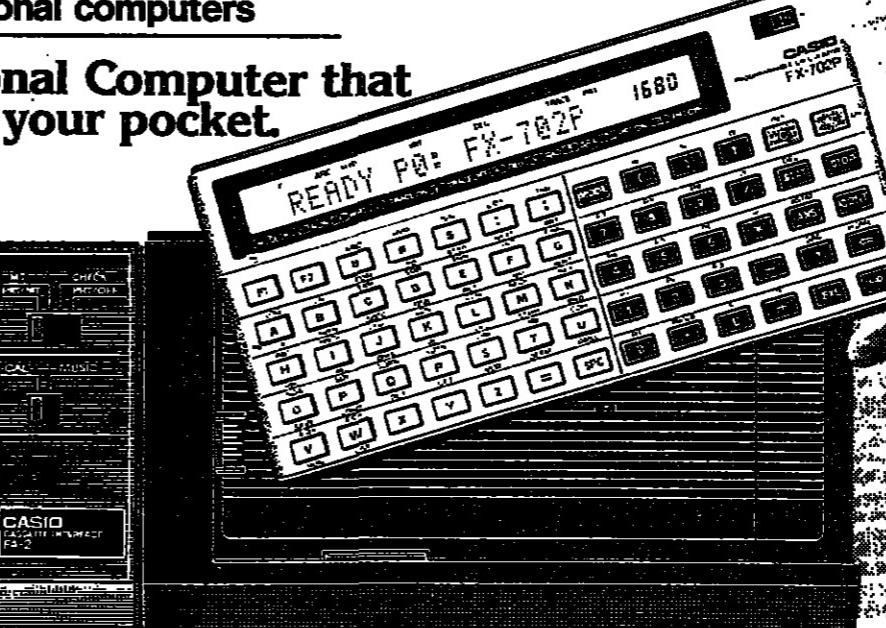
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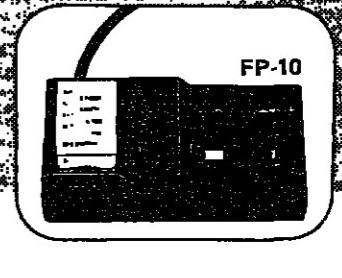


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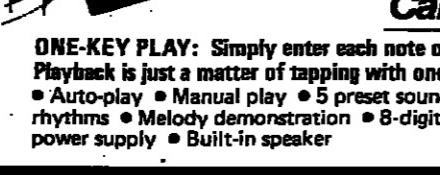
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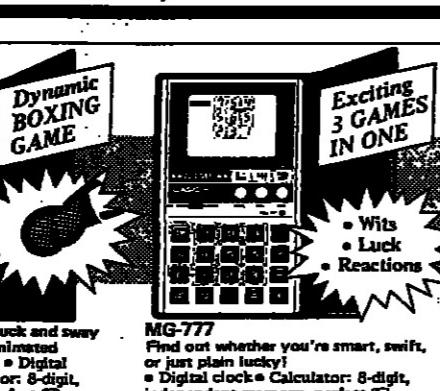
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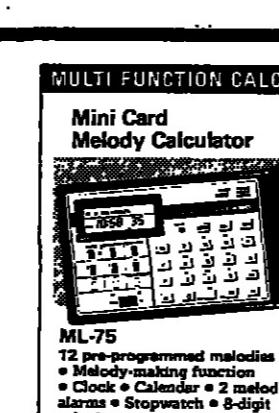
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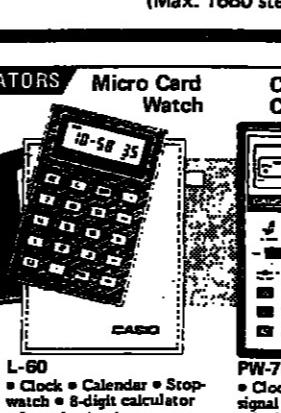
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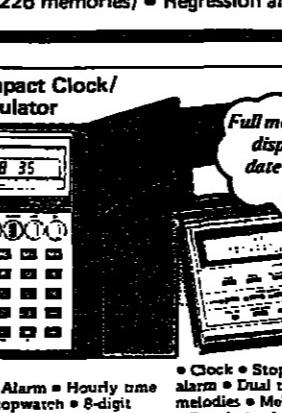
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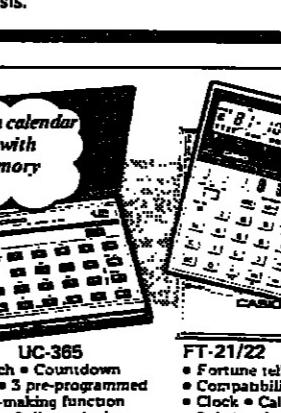
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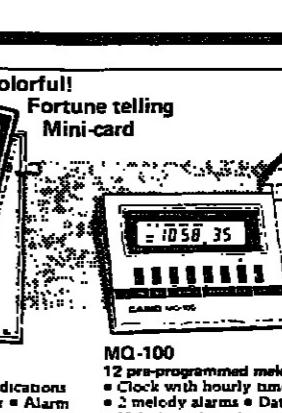
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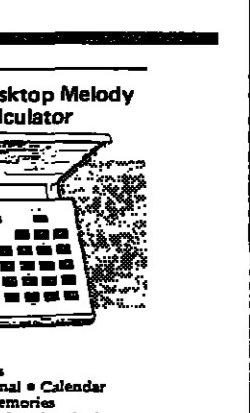
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*With slump in imports***U.S. incurs \$2.4b trade deficit**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP) — The United States foreign trade deficit narrowed to \$2.42 billion in July, as non-oil imports fell sharply because of the recession, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday. July's deficit, down from a \$3.44 billion deficit in June, was the smallest since April, and put the nation's merchandise trade deficit for the first seven months of the year at \$18.4 billion.

"July's improvement in the trade deficit was largely the result of continued weakness in the U.S. economy," Commerce Undersecretary Robert G. Dederick said.

Dederick also said the deficit for the full year should be "only moderately less than the \$39.7 billion shortfall of 1981," even though

oil imports should fall about \$15 billion this year.

Officials expect U.S. exports to decline this year because of the strong value of the dollar and weak economies abroad. They also expect non-oil imports to rise later in the year as the United States recovers from its recession before its main trading partners recover from theirs.

The main factor affecting the July figures was a \$2 billion decline from June in the value of imported manufactured goods, an indication of falling demand for foreign goods despite the fact that a strong U.S. dollar has meant lower import prices.

As a result, U.S. companies wound up with a \$1.1 billion trade surplus for manufactured goods in July after recording a \$875 million deficit in June.

French trade gap narrows

Schmidt lauds Reagan policy

PARIS, Aug. 27 (R) — France's seasonally-adjusted foreign trade deficit fell to 8.94 billion francs from 13.28 billion in June, but was wider than the revised deficit of 4.72 billion recovered in July 1981, the foreign trade ministry said.

Seasonally adjusted imports fell to 60.74 billion francs in July from 63.45 billion in June but were up on a revised 52.90 billion recorded in July 1981.

Adjusted exports rose to 51.80 billion francs from 50.17 billion in June and a revised 48.18 billion in July 1981.

In unadjusted terms the trade deficit fell to 6.06 billion francs from 11.78 billion in June but was up on the revised deficit of 3.13 billion francs recorded in July 1981.

During a private visit to the United States last month, the chancellor repeatedly blamed high U.S. interest rates for the persistence of

the largest import declines included iron and steel products, telecommunications equipment, electrical equipment, passenger cars from Canada, aircraft and aerospace equipment and clothing.

The Commerce Department also reported that the country's agricultural trade surplus narrowed in July to \$1.5 billion, compared with \$1.9 billion in June.

Purchases of imported oil, meanwhile, rose in July, producing a \$5.3 billion deficit, compared with \$4.9 billion in June.

Oil imports in July average 5.65 million barrels a day, up from 5.47 million a day in June and the highest since January. For the year, imports are averaging about 5.1 million barrels a day, down from 6.1 million a day in 1981.

The prime minister's office said the slower July rise in the consumer price index on a year-on-year basis from 2.2 percent in June reflected lower prices in the month for fruit and vegetables and some seasonal commodities. On a monthly basis, the index fell 0.7 percent from June.

The 1.7 percent gain over July last year was the slowest annual rise since a 1.5 percent gain in October 1959. Japan's inflation rate is more than three times lower than that of West Germany, which recorded a rate of 5.6 percent in July, the second lowest figure for that month among major industrial nations.

The government announced, meanwhile, that unemployment in Japan on an unadjusted basis which does not take account of seasonal factors, fell to 1.320.000 in July from 1.370.000 in June.

BA plans drastic fare cut to Japan

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — British Airways is to introduce the "first ever cheap return air ticket" between Britain and Japan, to cost 745 pounds (\$1,306) — over 900 pounds (\$1,578) less than the current lowest fare.

In making the announcement here Friday, the British airline specified one important condition: Tickets must be bought at least one month before the travel date and passengers must be in Japan for between 14 days and 3 months.

The airline expects this "breakthrough" in its campaign for "bargain air fares worldwide" to open up Japan to "thousands of holidaymakers and personal visitors."

The cut-price rate will similarly apply to Japanese travelers to Britain. British Airways said that this new "apex" fare follows "months of patient negotiations with the Japanese."

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*As units face lawsuits***Bells toll for asbestos**

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (R) — Tens of thousands of lawsuits are threatening to bury the asbestos industry under a legal landslide that is forcing companies to flee to the bankruptcy courts for protection.

The Manville Corporation, the world's largest asbestos producer, announced Thursday it was filing for reorganization under the U.S. federal bankruptcy code.

Company chairman John McKinney said that while the company's businesses were sound, "we are completely overwhelmed by the cost of the asbestos health lawsuits filed against us."

A Chicago company, UNR Industries, which has not made asbestos products since the 1960s, took the same route last month because it was facing some 12,000 lawsuits filed in July.

For years asbestos was deemed to be a relatively harmless fiber with no end of uses

— fireproofing warships, soundproofing schools, controlling moisture, making walls and ceilings, potholders and pipes.

But in the early 1960s, scientists exposed asbestos as a silent killer causing lung cancer, asbestosis and mesothelioma, the rare cancer that was killed, among others, actor Steve McQueen and whose only known cause is exposure to the fiber.

A television documentary on the risks of asbestos production has rekindled controversy over the fiber in Britain and caused the stock market value of the biggest producer there, Turner and Newall, to plummet.

The International Metalworkers' Federation has called for a complete ban — Sweden has already done so — because it claims asbestos causes more industrial deaths than any other substance.

Dollar maintains strength

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — The U.S. dollar maintained strength to end a thin and quiet trading day firmer against the major currencies, dealers said.

The U.S. currency moved sharply higher after mid-day as the U.S. Fed funds rate opened slightly higher than expected at 9.5 and Eurodollar deposit rates held at firmer levels.

The dollar was well supported by market feeling that U.S. interest rates halted their decline and will stabilize at current levels, dealers added.

The dollar's advance in London resulted in spillover buying encouraged by the currency's strength in New York.

Spars business in London was reflected in wide spreads, with dealers saying the rates were at best an indication. One or two com-

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (AFP) — The Japanese Nissan auto company in the U.S. announced that it will recall 118,747 Datsun 510 cars built between 1979 and 1981 because of a possible fault in the seatbelt retraction rollers. The firm added that it did not know of any accident caused by the fault which had come to light through customer complaints.

NEW DELHI, (R) — The Indian government will ask 37 foreign oil companies to make a second round of bids for oil exploration and production rights in 50 selected blocks. A petroleum ministry official said here Friday.

BONN, Aug. 27 (R) — The West German government aims to conclude in the next few days its study of an official auditors report on a request from AEG-Telefunken AG for 1.1 billion marks of state-backed credit guarantees, deputy government spokesman Lothar Riehl said.

MONTRÉAL, (AFP) — Canada will try to sell a second Candu nuclear reactor to South Korea during a three-day visit by South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan which starts here Saturday. Foreign ministry officials in Ottawa said. Work is nearly complete on construction of the Canadian Candu plant bought by South Korea, which hopes that by 1991 40 percent of the energy consumed by its 40 million people will be provided by nuclear power.

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Iranian Rial (100)	5.75	5.75
Iraki Dinar	25.40	25.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	13.77	13.77
Jordanian Dinar	9.78	9.715
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.93	11.90
Lebanese Lira (100)	68.00	67.95
Moroccan Dirham (100)	56.22	56.22
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.35	28.35
Philippine Peso (100)	40.73	40.73
Portuguese Escudo	6.11	6.07
Oman Rial (100)	94.00	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)	160.95	160.95
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	31.52	31.52
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Brewers prove too fast for A's

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Oakland speedster Rickey Henderson equaled Lou Brock's eight-year-old Major League record for stolen bases in a season as he swiped his 118th Thursday night as the A's were crushed 10-3 by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Gorman Thomas, who leads the Majors with 34 home runs, led the Brewers' 13-hit attack, driving in six runs with a pair of homers and an RBI single. Mike Caldwell handcuffed the A's on seven hits to win for the fifth time in six decisions.

Henderson equaled Brock's record in the first inning. He singled to lead off and was apparently picked off first by the left-handed Caldwell. However, the swift left fielder outraced first baseman Cecil Cooper's throw to second for his record-tying stolen base.

The crowd of more than 30,000 gave Henderson a standing ovation before he came around to score on infield outs by Dwayne Murphy, who hit a solo homer in the third, and Daaf Fopes. Henderson has missed just two of Oakland's 128 games this season.

Boston Red Sox split a doubleheader with California. Dwight Evans capped a four-run third inning with a two-run homer and Bob Stanley pitched 6 1/3 innings of four-hit shutout relief, lifting the Red Sox to a 4-3 victory. The Angels won the afternoon game 10-1 as Brian Downing and Doug DeCinces homered to lead a 16-hit attack and Ken Forsch notched the 100th victory of his career by scattering seven hits.

Eddie Murray blasted a pair of home runs, including a Grand Slam in Baltimore's eighth, thirdinning, and Rich Dauer and Cal Ripken Jr. added three-run homers as the Orioles crushed the Toronto Blue Jays 12-5 for their sixth straight victory.

Lee Mazzilli cracked a three-run homer and Rick Cerone delivered a two-run double during New York's five-run fifth inning as the Yankees posted a 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins. John Wathan's two-run single highlighted a three-run eighth inning as Kansas City tripped Texas 5-3.

Many Castillo's first Major League home run snapped an eight-inning tie and vaulted Seattle to a 5-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers, ending the Mariners' seven-game losing streak.

In the National League, Gary Carter belted his second two-run homer of the game with one out in the eighth inning to give the Montreal Expos a 5-3 victory over the Houston Astros and a sweep of a two-night double-header night as reliever Jeff Reardon posted victories in both games. In the opener, Expos won 3-2.

Three share lead in World Series Golf

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 27 (AP) — PGA champion Ray Floyd, Australian Bob Shearer and putting wizard Masahiro Kuramoto of Japan shot one-under-par 69s to tie for the first round lead Thursday in the \$400,000 World Series of Golf.

"Sunshine, wind and difficult pin placements. Those are the reasons for the high scores," said Floyd, one of only three men able to break par 70 on the 7,183-yard Firestone Country Club course that suddenly began to play as tough as the veterans remember it.

The 39-year-old Floyd is one of five men locked in a fight for the year's leading money-winning spot and chasing a \$100,000 first prize here.

Lanny Wadkins and Masters champion

Craig Stadler, both involved in the money-winning race, matched par 70, but the other two men chasing the money-title were well back in the field of 26. Tom Watson, the U.S. and British Open champion, struggled to a 75. Tom Kite shot 73, three over par. Jack Nicklaus escaped with a 71. Kuramoto, 26, one-putted 11 times, eight times for par, and saved his share of the top spot with a 20-foot (6 m), par-saving chip-on the 18th hole.

Kuramoto, who finished fourth in the British Open and has made three trips between Japan and the U.S. in the last month, was often on the verge of disaster, but saved himself time and again. "Everything went right today," he said through an interpreter.

"There were two surprises," he said. "One

is that I'm leading. The other is that no one else played better."

Shearer also was surprised to be in a tie for the top. He got there with a 40-foot (12 m) birdie putt on the 17th. "That's a putt you're not supposed to make," he said. "I was just trying to two-putt and the ball went over the hill and trickled in the cup."

Meanwhile, Donna Caponi birdied three of the final four holes to finish at four-under-par 68 to tie Hollis Stacy for the first-round lead in the \$165,000 LPGA Henredon Classic, in High Point, North Carolina.

Action resumes Friday in the 72-hole Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament, which is being played on the 6,191-yard, par 72 Willowcreek Golf Club.

U.S. cagers stun Soviets to stay in race

CALI, Colombia Aug. 27 (R) — The United States defeated the Soviet Union 93-93 Thursday night to become unexpected favorites to clash once more with the Soviets Saturday for the men's World Basketball crown.

The Soviet Union has already secured its place in the final on points in the seven-nation championship. To challenge the Soviets for the title, the Americans still have to beat Australia Friday. But their victory Thursday night virtually demolished Yugoslavia's hopes of retaining the crown it won by beating the Soviet Union in Manila four years ago.

In Thursday night's other game, Yugoslavia, which has completed its six games in the round-robin tournament, beat Australia 105-91 for a total of 10 points. Spain also has 10 points from six games, while the United States has nine points and one game in hand.

In the event of a tie on points, the team with the best goal average will meet the Soviets — with 11 points — in the final. The Americans were trailing the Soviet Union 51-49 at the end of the first half, but lethal dribbling by Jim Thomas and sharp attacks by Glenn Rivers leveled the score 15 minutes from the end.

Pushed by Anthony Carr who dominated his board, the Americans increased their lead by 10 points with eight minutes to go. "We won this game with ability and physical fitness," said coach Bob Weltich.

Aware of their hopes for a place in the final depending on beating Australia, Yugoslavia started their game at full speed. They took a decisive lead within the first five minutes and ended the first half ahead 61-37.

Overconfidence almost caused their downfall in the second half, and coach Renka Seravica was forced to put his top players back on court to overcome the resurgent Australians.

Playing a two-defense scheme and screening Australian top scorer Ian Davies, the Yugoslavs controlled the pace of the game. Yugoslavs' domination appeared so complete that coach Seravica substituted his best men five minutes from halftime. But the situation changed in second half when Davies found his touch and Phil Smyth started to control the attacks. But the Yugoslavs held off the Australian's bid.

In African Athletics meet

Obeng claims 100m easily

CAIRO, 27 Aug. (R) — Ghana's Ernest Obeng shrugged off defeat in the heats to take the 100 meters title in a winning time of 10.2 seconds in the African Athletics Championships here Thursday.

Obeng was third in a heat won by Senegal's Boubakr Diallo — a result which gave rise to speculation about his prospects in the final. But Obeng said after taking the title: "When I realized that I was leading halfway through the race, I knew that my problem was to keep the momentum."

The women's 800 meters was delayed for 30 minutes, because of a technical problem when the judges ruled that N'Drine Clestine of the Ivory Coast was not registered on their results sheets. The runners, having taken off their track suits and put them on again three

times, finally ran after a row between N'Drine's coach and the judges and two false starts. Clestine ultimately finished second behind Uganda's Evelyn Adiru.

Co pulls out

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Britain's triple record holder Sebastian Coe has pulled out of Friday's Ivo Van Damme Memorial Track meet.

A spokesman said Coe's father told the Belgians organizers he did not want to exhaust his son with too much racing before the European Championships.

The organizers of the meet are known to be disappointed at losing their star attraction at such a short notice. Coe thrilled last year's Van Damme gathering with a world mile record and fans were looking forward to an exciting duel in the 800 meter, between Coe and Cuba's Alberto Juantorena.

Holmes to take on Cobb in title bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Undefeated World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion Larry Holmes will defend his title, probably in November, in a fight against Randall "Tex" Cobb, promoter Don King said Thursday.

A Holmes-Cobb fight could clear the way for Michael Dokes, who like Holmes is promoted by King, to challenge World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Mike Weaver.

Weaver signed with a Texas Peoples Company, TAPCO, to fight Cobb. That fight, however, has been postponed twice because of injuries to Cobb.

Joe Gramby, Cobb's manager, acknowledged that he had looked for the Holmes' fight and said he was not in breach of the TAPCO contract for the Weaver fight. "They breached the contract because they never put up the letter of credit after the second postponement," Gramby said from Philadelphia.

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Despite Gower's fine knock

Imran keeps England in check

LEEDS, England, Aug. 27 (AP) — Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, stole the second day honor as he went on to score an unbeaten 67 and then grabbed four wickets as England struggled to 256 for nine in the third Test here Friday.

Pakistan, overnight 255 for eight, added another 20 runs before their innings folded. Imran, adding 18 of those to his individual score, And by close of play, England were 19 runs behind with just a wicket in hand, raising hopes of an interesting battle to follow.

Ehtesham-ud-din, the stocky medium pacer, had quick success when England batted. Openers Graeme Fowler, a debutant, and Chris Tavare were opening out when Ehtesham struck. Fowler, who began with some confident strokes, failed to read an incoming ball and was bowled. The total read 15.

Mike Gatting, promoted in the batting order and in need of a big innings, dug himself in with Chris Tavare, and both saw out the remaining period confidently. Gatting stroked the ball freely after an initial troubled existence against Ehtesham and Imran. And the passive Tavare also got going to help England reach 32 for one by lunch.

With Gatting and Tavare resuming con-

fidently after the break things looked rosy for England. But Imran had other ideas. In a devastating spell — in which he took three wickets in 25 balls yielding ten runs — he shook England to the roots.

He first claimed Gatting with a slanting delivery which cut between bat and pad and won his few appeal. England were then 67. Imran then removed Allan Lamb, who made his second successive caught. Lamb hoisted a short-pitched delivery over square-leg, where Mohsin held a superb catch. England were then 69 for three. His third blow came soon when he had Tavare jabbing at a rising delivery and the ball popped into the waiting hands of Haroon Rashid, substituting for Mohsin at short-leg.

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to his 50 in lightning time but added only seven more before playing a loose shot. He holed out to Haroon Rashid at midwicket off Sikander.

Botham's exit heralded another slump — Randall getting himself run out for 8 and debauch Vic Marks falling victim to Qadir's googly — reducing England to 170 for seven. But the stylish Gower was still there. He applied himself diligently and found an able foil in wicketkeeper Bob Taylor to see England past 200. But Imran came back for another spell to remove Taylor and England nearly lost new man Jackman, who was caught by Bari off Imran's next ball, but the umpire ruled a no ball. Gower and Jackman carried on till Gower fell for a well made 74.

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It was their best of the season and ruined Mike Brearley's hopes of spin-bowling Surrey out. Phil Edmonds, John Embrey and 49-year-old Fred Titmus, called up for his first match in two years, whirled away, but with little help from the pitch. Both batsmen



Imran Khan ... fine all-round show

Score-board

Pakistan (1st innings):		England, (1st innings):	
Mohsin Khan c Taylor b Botham	10	G. Fowler, b Ehtesham-ud-din	22
Mudassar Nazar b Botham	65	M. Ganting bw Imran	25
Wasim Akther c Gating b Willis	54	A. Larkham b Mohsin & Imran	26
J. Mardell c Taylor b Willis	0	D. Gower c sub. b Sikander	27
A. Abbasi c Taylor b Jackman	54	I. Botham c sub. b Sikander	57
Majid Khan cw Jackman	11	D. Randall run out	8
Imran Khan not out	67	V. Marks b Ossur	7
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A. Qadir c Willis b Botham	5	R. Jackson batting	11
S. Bakir c Tavare b Willis	7	B. Willis batting	1
Ehtesham-ud-din b Botham	0	Extras —	24
Total:	275	Bowling: Imran Khan 25-7-49-4, Ehtesham-ud-din 14-4-46-1; Sikander Baki 24-5-47-2; Abdul Qadir 22-5-87-1; Mudassar Nazar 4-1-3-0.	256

Bowling: Willis 26-6-76-3; Botham 24.5-9-70-4; Jackman 37-14-74-3; Marks 5-0-23-0; Gating 8-2-17-0.

Pakistan crushes Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 27 (AP) — Former champions Pakistan trounced Malaysia 10-0 for third place in the Junior World Cup Hockey Tournament here Friday.

Pakistan, winners of the inaugural tournament in 1979 in France but eliminated from the final here, showed Malaysia no mercy scoring at every opportunity. They led 4-0 by halftime. Defeated by Australia in the semifinals 1-4, the Pakistanis put up a determined show.

In the preliminary round match Malaysia sprang a surprise by holding Pakistan 2-2.

But on Friday Malaysia managed to secure few penalty corners and entered the Pakistani goal area just three times.

The Pakistan forwards ripped the Malaysian defense apart with cohesive moves. Play was rough — two Pakistanis and one Malaysian

were sent out for five minutes each. The score was the second highest in the tournament and it was co-favorites India who scored the highest number of goals when they defeated Singapore 13-0.

Pakistan's scorers were Salim Sherwani (5th and 57th minutes), Tauseef Dar (38th) Ayaz Mahmood (48th penalty stroke) Ishtiaque Ahmad (27th and 50th minute penalty strokes), K. M. Awais (49th) and M. Ashraf (23rd, 27th and 56th).

Meanwhile, West Germany start as favorites against Australia in the final to be played on Saturday. Germany, runners-up in the inaugural tournament when they lost 2-0 to Pakistan in the final at Paris, are the only team to come through the tournament without dropping a point.

Four clubs from Europe and North America have already approached Canon, but Barcelona, with their offer of a \$65,000

yearly salary and a free apartment, would seem the club most likely to lure the Cameroun captain. Besides, Barcelona hold out the chance for Nkono to play in the same team as the man dubbed "the new Pele", Argentine star Diego Maradona.

A fifth club will enter the race to sign

Nkono on Friday, when a representative of top Brazilian side Fulmine is due to arrive in Yaounde. But like Barcelona, Fulmine will have to conduct most of their attempts to secure the player's signature in North America, for Nkono has put his business affairs in the hands of a New York lawyer,

saying that only his legal representative is authorized to negotiate on his behalf.

BRIEFS

DIJON, France (AP) — Spurred by their intense rivalry, French drivers Alain Prost and Rene Arnoux put their Renault turbos on the front row of the grid in Friday's first qualifying session for the Swiss Grand Prix.

LISBON (AP) — European 10,000 meters record holder Fernando Mamade of Portugal could miss the European Championships in Athens next month because of an ankle injury. Mamade is seeking special treatment from the doctor at his club Sporting Lisbon.

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet men's team set a new underwater swimming record when they completed the 4x200 meters in 6:00.27, Tass newsgency reported. The record was achieved during an underwater swimming tournament at the Olympskij Stadium here.

KIAMESHA LAKE, New York (AP) —

The United States, with Gardnar Mulloy and Chauncey Steele Jr. winning singles matches, defeated Mexico 2-1 Thursday to reach the semifinal round of the Britannia Cup Tennis Championships.

CALAIS, Northern France, (AP) — Frenchman Pascal Maka set a new record for crossing the English channel on a sailboard Thursday. Maka 23, from the French port of Calais, came ashore on the English coast near Dover, just 55 minutes after setting off from Cap Gris Nez.

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Leader warns of armed uprising

Armor rolls into Polish cities

WARSAW, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — Columns of light armored trucks rolled into Szczecin Thursday night and 200 militia vehicles took up positions around the Lenin naval shipyards in Gdansk, said travelers from the Baltic port cities who arrived here Friday.

They said armored vehicles were already patrolling the streets of Szczecin in a show of force ahead of Aug. 31, the date marking the signing of the Gdansk accords which led to the founding of the trade union federation Solidarity.

On Tuesday there was an attempt at a strike at the Adolf Warski shipyards, according to the authorities. The management threatened

Union insists on protests

WARSAW, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Solidarity's clandestine provisional national committee (TKK) has decided to maintain its call for mass peaceful demonstrations throughout Poland on Aug. 31, second anniversary of the Gdansk accords. The call is maintained in the latest issue of the union's Warsaw region publication *Tygodnik Mazowiecki*.

The publication cites TKK member Zbigniew Bujak as saying that the union was aware there could be "victims" as a result of this decision. But he pointed out that (spontaneous) demonstrations were taking place all the time and being put down by the authorities. Such demonstrations were more dangerous than those organized and directed on a national scale.

The state had to disperse its forces to cope with national demonstrations, he said.

Volcano forces flights diversion

CANBERRA, Aug. 27 (R) — International flights over Indonesia have again been diverted because of a volcanic eruption. The Australian Aviation Ministry said Friday. In June and July two jumbo jets, one of British Airways and the other Singapore Airlines, were forced to make emergency landings after volcanic dust from the Mount Galunggung Volcano southeast of Jakarta caused some or all of their engines to cut out temporarily.

Since then, Australian and Indonesian authorities have been closely monitoring volcanic dust. An aviation ministry spokesman said Friday Indonesian authorities had reported a number of violent eruptions in Northern Sulawesi.

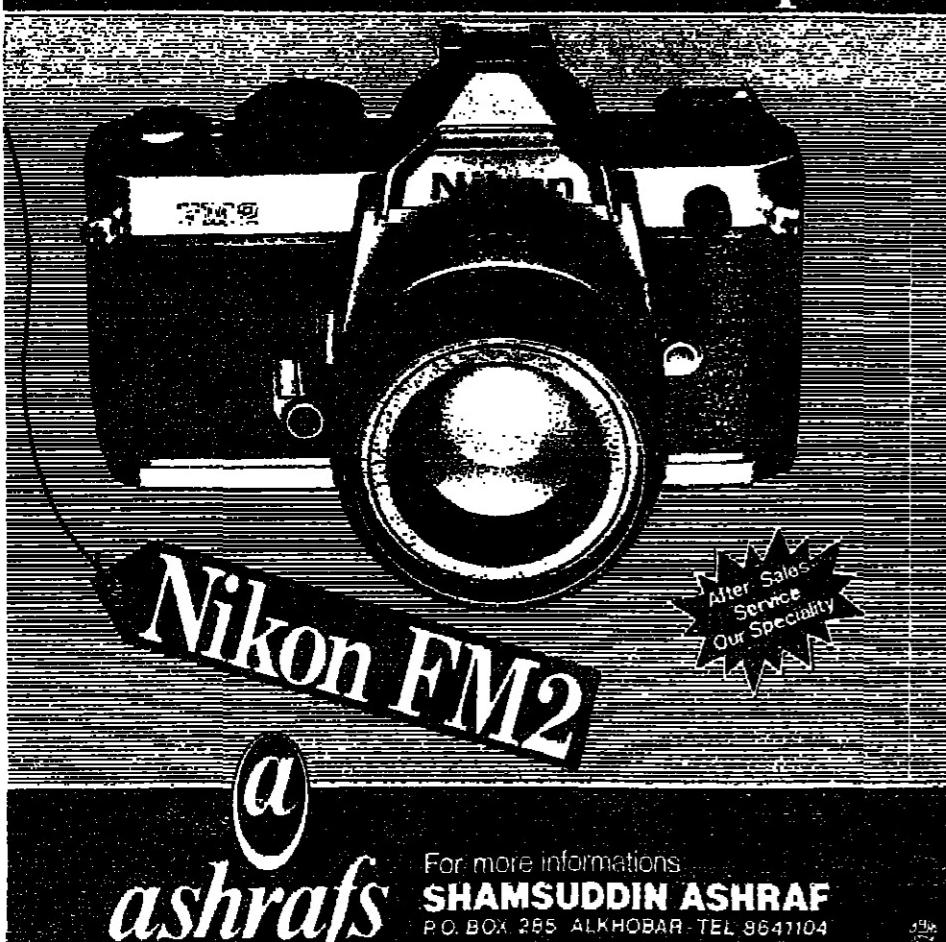
He added that a Cathay Pacific airliner Thursday reported dust up to 50,000 feet from Mount Soputan, south of north Sulawesi's largest city Oemana. The spokesman said airlifts were now being rerouted round the area which included the international flight route between Darwin, Manila and Hong Kong.

Cosmonauts return

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Three Soviet cosmonauts, including the second woman in space, landed their Soyuz T-5 spacecraft safely in Central Asia Friday after eight days in space, the Tass news agency said.

Svetlana Savitskaya and her two colleagues, Alexander Serebrov and Leonid Popov, had detached from the orbiting *Salyut-7* space station Friday afternoon.

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law Kiszczak has said could end in bloodshed. Underground leaders called for mass peaceful demonstrations in major cities to press demands for release of internees and amnesty for those convicted under martial law, and some form of national agreement between the authorities and the people.

Kiszczak and the official media have said the organizers of the demonstrations are planning violence. The local Szczecin newspaper said they were "madmen, running around with lit torches trying to set Poland on fire again." The minister said iron bars, sticks, bottles filled with petrol and metal spikes were being prepared as well as first aid centers for the injured.

The organizers "have nothing in common with a union but a lot in common with terrorism," he said.

Shrinking merchant navies alarm NATO commander

BRUSSELS, Aug. 27 (R) — A top NATO commander has expressed alarm at the shrinking size of the West's merchant navies, expected to play a vital role in supporting maritime operations in a war.

Adm. Sir John Fieldhouse, who led the British forces in the Falkland campaign, said in an interview in the *NATO Review* monthly that one of the most impressive aspects of the operations there was the merchant navy's support.

At one stage, Britain had 35 merchant ships with over 2,000 sailors, in addition to the fleet auxiliary ships, engaged in support of the forces in the South Atlantic, he said. The admiral, who is also NATO's commander in chief, added: "I see this fact against a background of recession in the merchant fleets of the West and I find it alarming."

The admiral noted that supporting the relatively small British task force in the South Atlantic had required a "pipeline" containing about a half million tons of fuel and stores at any given time.

"Multiply this up to the scale demanded by the Supreme Allied Commander Europe's

Row over Taipei

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The Sino-U.S. controversy over Taipei is still unresolved. Chinese Ambassador Chai Zemin said Thursday after a talk here with Secretary of State George Shultz, there will be "future discussions" of the Taiwan question, the ambassador told newsmen.

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs John Holdridge said of the talk: "We were just putting the relationship back on track after ten months of long and arduous discussions (that resulted in the Aug. 17 joint communiqué on Taiwan). We believe we can look forward to an improved and expanded relationship."

The composition of the Congress (lower house) makes it difficult to imagine that the budget will be approved with ease," he told reporters Thursday. Calvo Sotelo himself had said the elections, in which the opposition Socialists are favored, would be held "soon."

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Lardelino Lavilla, president of the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD), has said he expects elections within three months. He indicated that the UCD, stripped by defections of its working majority in parliament, would be incapable of winning its first major legislative battle of the autumn — the budget.

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The national daily, *Herald*, backing up a statement two days ago by minority leader Joshua Nkomo that the six were still being held, said that a census supervisor was held up by five dissidents last week in the southwestern Nyika area and given a note repeating demands that several jailed members of

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